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OF THE

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TO

SIR JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR,

Through whose able representation and skillful management the meeting of the Nineteenth Triennial Grand Encampment Knights Templar, of the United States of America, was secured to New Orleans—a zealous Knight and worthy citizen—who has always proved himself a warm supporter of the press,

THIS WORK IS RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED,

in grateful acknowledgment of his many acts of encouragement and kindly interest towards his

Much obliged friend,

J. CURTIS WALDO.

NEW ORLEANS, February 18, 1875.

THE PRELUDE.

Appreciating the great honor conferred upon our city by selecting it as the place of assemblage of the Nineteenth Triennial Grand Encampment, the PICAYUNE, in an article of about a column in length, on the 18th of October, 1874, called the attention of its readers to the approaching event, urging them to put their houses in order, and prepare for their guests, a sincere and hearty welcome.

This was followed by many other articles, all bearing upon the same point, one or two of which we here re-produce

The Picayune of the 16th November, contained the following article :

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Never in the history of our city have our people witnessed such a gathering as that which is to meet here on Tuesday, the first of December next. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is a national body, whose territorial jurisdiction is co-extensive with that of the great Republic in which it flourishes. The Council which will gather in our city will combine the greatest intellects, the most able and talented members of this Order, which has flourished through ages, and embraced within its circle some of the brightest minds that the world has ever known. In all the States and territories of our country, gentlemen pre-eminent in the various departments of civil society, men known among their fellow-citizens for their intelligence, judgment, learning and executive abilities, are found in the Grand and Subordinate Commanderies of the Knights Templar. The assembling of such a brotherhood in our midst may well be looked forward to with interest, and in our present political and commercial condition, it is all-important that they should be afforded an opportunity to see and judge for themselves, so that each of these Sir Knights, returning to his home may be an advocate for wronged and down-trodden Louisiana. The generous hospitality of the Southern metropolis has always been proverbial, and we have no doubt that in this instance it will be as lavishly displayed as on any former occasion; but we may be pardoned any semblance of selfish motives if we point out to our readers the advantages to be reaped from a favorable opinion created in the minds of our visitors, distinguished alike for their learning, their influence in their own homes, and their honorable characters. Our fellow-citizens of the local Commanderies are working with commendable zeal in their preparations for the reception of their guests. Let every resident of New Orleans consider that they are our guests, the guests of the Crescent City, and second the efforts of these gentlemen in every manner possible. When the Grand Encampment met in St. Louis in 1868, and when it was convened in Baltimore in 1871, the event was made a grand gala, and the citizens vied with each other in their efforts to entertain those who had come from abroad to attend the meeting. On the occasion of the grand parade, which always occurs on a Thursday, the buildings along

the line of march were elegantly decorated. The city flung to the breeze its gayest banners, and wherever the Knight turned his eyes, he was met with a hearty welcome. So we hope to see it here. Let their march be a triumphal procession, and our people show by their holiday attire, the decorations of their stores and residences, and their loud acclaims, that they delight to honor the august body which will have gathered in our midst.

November 22d.

PREPARING FOR OUR GUESTS—THE WORK GOES BRAVELY ON.

We are pleased to know that the energetic and capable gentlemen appointed on the several committees to prepare for the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar, have met everywhere with encouragement from our citizens, and that their labors are progressing very satisfactorily.

In relation to the grand gala day, Friday, when the parade of the entire body will take place, we have heard of many of our citizens who are preparing to decorate their stores and residences with flags, evergreens, and other tokens of welcome and good feeling.

At night the St. Charles and St. James Hotels will be brilliantly illuminated, and of course others will follow the excellent example.

As an evidence of the interest felt in the approaching meeting, we publish, with pleasure the following correspondence. The gentlemen of the Louisiana Jockey Club, always famed for their liberality and public spirit, deserve much credit for the handsome acknowledgement made to the Knights, which has been gracefully accepted. The service will be on exhibition in Tyler's window early this week :

LOUISIANA JOCKEY CLUB, }
New Orleans, November 21, 1874.

R. L. Bruce, Esq., G. G. Chairman Committee on Arrangements :

Dear Sir—The Louisiana Jockey Club, wishing to add its mite of interest to the grand Masonic festivities about to take place in this city, have instructed us to tender, through you, a testimonial for the best drilled and appearing Commandery, the award to be made by a committee of our selection, at such time and place as shall be hereafter designated.

With assurances of the greatest good feeling of our Club to your Order, we have the honor to be, very truly, your very obedient servants.

GUS. A. BREAUX,
R. W. SIMMONS,
JOHN A. MORRIS,
Committee.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER, }
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, STATE LA., }
New Orleans, November 21, 1874.

Col. Gus. A. Breaux, Messrs. R. W. Simmons and John A. Morris, Committee of the Louisiana Jockey Club :

Gentlemen—I have just received yours of this morning, tendering to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Louisiana, a testimonial for the best drilled and appearing Commandery, and with pleasure accept the same, and beg leave to return the thanks of the Grand Commandery, not only for the testimonial itself, but also for the words of good feeling with which it comes, and for the compliment of being thus remembered by your well-known organization.

Very respectfully,
R. L. BRUCE, Grand General,
Chairman Committee of Arrangements.

We learn that the gallant Knights from Michigan will be accompanied by a large number of ladies, a circumstance that will lend an additional charm to their excursion.

Sir J. C. Waldo, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of the United States, will arrive on Monday or Tuesday next, and, together with the Grand Captain of the Guards, Sir Thomas Cripps, will be installed by the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, on Wednesday evening, 25th inst., in Orleans Commandery No. 3. On this occasion the Sir Knights are ordered to appear in full uniform. The event will be of much importance and interest to the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction.

The St. James Hotel, under the energetic and capable direction of Col. Rivers, is being rapidly put in order. The house has been thoroughly repaired, renovated and repainted; new carpets have been laid, and new furniture supplied in all the rooms. The plumbing work has been done by Mr. M. H. Applegate, a sufficient guarantee that it is all in the best order. In fact, we may assure our readers that Col. Rivers will make the St. James one of the leading hotels of the country.

Commanderies from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Washington, St. Louis and Baltimore, will make their headquarters at the St. Charles Hotel. The Grand Commander of Louisiana, Hon. Joseph P. Hornor, will establish his headquarters at Parlor E, St. Charles Hotel. Grand Commanders who are unable to get accommodations at the St. Charles, will be accommodated at the St. James. Col. Rivers is on the Committee of Arrangements, and they may rest assured that he will see that they are well cared for.

Sir Knights who are unable to get accommodations at our hotels will be provided for on application to Sir R. L. Bruce, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, 62 Lafayette street. A number of our citizens who have spare rooms, and will be able to accommodate two or more of our visitors, have reported to Mr. Bruce, thus enabling him to quarter those not otherwise provided for. The coming week will be a busy one with our friends, the Knights Templar, and the week following a brilliant one for all of our citizens.

November 25th.

NOTES OF PREPARATION.

The interest in the approaching Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States increases with each succeeding day, and the question, "What are you going to do towards welcoming the Knights?" has become general with all of our citizens. That the stores and residences in all prominent localities will be beautifully decorated in their honor may be accepted as a fact, and that there will be a universal effort to make their visit a pleasant one is also certain. As a step in the right direction, we give the following correspondence, showing the sympathy felt in the movement by one of our most popular organizations:

SHAKESPEARE CLUB,
NEW ORLEANS, November 24, 1874. }

Jos. P. Horner, Esq., Grand Commander of Knights Templar, State of Louisiana.

Sir—I have the honor and pleasure of informing you that the accompanying resolutions were adopted by the club at a special meeting, held on 23d inst., and in accordance therewith, I have appointed the committee.

Permit me in behalf of the club, to tender through you a most cordial welcome to all Knights Templar, whether visiting our city on this occasion or resident, who may desire to visit our club.

Very respectfully,

W. T. VAUDRY, President,

P. H. WILSON, Secretary.

Resolved, That the doors of our club be opened for the reception of all Knights Templar, resident and non-resident, during the first week of December, 1864, during the session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and that the President offer them, through the Grand Commander of the State, a most cordial welcome.

Resolved, That in addition to the stewards, the President appoint a special committee of nine, to tender them the hospitalities of the club.

E. Lilienthal, E. C. Bullard, F. H. Whitaker, Stewards; Geo. H. Braughn, J. A. Sylvester, Thos. Henry, Jr., R. M. Montgomery, D. C. Johnson, F. H. Wilson, A. Hero, Jr., J. H. Harvey, J. H. DeGrange.

ANSWER.

OFFICE OF GRAND COMMANDER,
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, }
New Orleans, Nov. 24, 1874.

W. T. Vaudry, Esq., President of the Shakespeare Club.

Dear Sir—I have received with great pleasure your communication of this date, notifying me of the resolution passed by your club, kindly welcoming the Knights Templar of this jurisdiction and their guests to the hospitalities of your club-house during the approaching session of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and gratefully accept this courteous mark of esteem.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH P. HORNOR,
Grand Commander of Louisiana.

The different halls where our local commanderies will establish their headquarters during the Grand Encampment will be beatifully decorated with evergreens, flowers, rare plants and other ornaments, and committees of reception will be at the halls throughout the day and evening, to welcome visitors and show them every courtesy and attention.

We learn from the St. Louis Times, of the 22d inst., that the St. Louis Commandery No. 1, and St. Aldemar Commandery No. 18, will leave that city on the afternoon of the 28th inst., coming through by rail, arriving here on Monday, 30th inst. The Ascalon Commandery, No. 16, will leave St. Louis to-day for Cairo, where they will take the steamer Gréat Republic for New Orleans. The first two will be accompanied by Frank Boehin's band, and while in this city will have their headquarters at the St. Charles Hotel.

November 26th.

THE COMING FESTIVITIES—ARRANGEMENTS, ETC., FOR THE KNIGHTS' VISIT.

But a few days more and the Knights Templar will be with us. They are, many of them, now on the road, coming from the golden shores of California and the bleak hills of Vermont, from the ocean-bound shores of Massachusetts and the plains of Kansas, a noble host of brethren, the best and most intelligent men of their sections of our common country. And when they are here, our citizens will be treated to a round of festivities such as our city has never before witnessed. Next week will be a season of social enjoyment which will furnish memories for a lifetime. As an evidence of the appreciation of this fact, and the universal desire to contribute to the enjoyment of the occasion, we give the following correspondence:

HALL OF HARMONY CLUB,
 SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
 New Orleans, November 17, 1874. }

John A. Peel, Esq. Eminent Commander Indivisible Friends Commandery, No. 1.:

Dear Sir—With the view to aiding your highly honorable body in their efforts to make the stay of your brethren at the proposed convention of the Knights Templar in this city as agreeable as possible, I have been instructed by the Harmony Club, at their meeting held Saturday, 14th inst., to extend and tender to your Commandery and their guests the freedom of the club-rooms in Odd Fellows' Hall.

In making this communication, I beg to assure you that whatever it may be in my power to contribute to the comfort of the occasion will certainly not be left undone.

With high regard, I have the honor to be, dear sir, very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

JOSEPH MAGNER,
 President Harmony Club.

IN HOC SIGNO VINCES.

ASYLUM INDIVISIBLE FRIENDS COMMANDERY, No. 1. }
 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
 RECORDER'S OFFICE, New Orleans, November 24, 1874. }

Joseph Magner, Esq., President of Harmony Club:

Dear Sir—Your esteemed favor of the 17th inst., tendering to Indivisible Friends Commandery and their guests the freedom of your club rooms in Odd Fellows' Hall during the Triennial Convention of the Grand Encampment of the United States, is received, and your generous offer cheerfully accepted.

In behalf of the Indivisible Friends, allow me to thank you and your club for such a gracious and unexpected compliment, and to assure you we will ever hold such acts of disinterested friendship in grateful remembrance.

Courteously yours,

JOHN A. PEEL,
 Eminent Commander Indivisible Friends Commandery.

The Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, have established their headquarters at Odd Fellows' Hall, and will there remain until after the conclusion of the Grand Encampment.

Our neighbor, Mr. John W. Madden, No. 73 Camp street, has left with us samples of the cards of invitation and list of committees of Jacques de Molay Commandery, No. 2, which as evidence of exquisite taste and elegant work, reflect the highest credit on the Sir Knights of this flourishing Commandery, and are the best proofs of the masterly skill and artistic execution of this well-known printer. They are home work, and fully equal to any we have ever seen gotten up at the North or elsewhere.

For the information of those who intend going to the balls and receptions of the Knights, we will state, that every invitation is accompanied by free cards of admission for each person named in the invitation. These cards must be presented at the door by the party to whom it is addressed; they will not be taken up, however, but are good at all the Commanderies, on the night for which they are issued. This will enable the recipients to attend all of the balls or receptions, given by the Knights Templar, remaining at each one as long as time and pleasure may admit of. The halls will be open from 8 A. M. to 11 P. M. As a very large attendance is assured, and accommodations for all have not yet been secured, our citizens who may have spare rooms, and are willing to take one or more boarders during the rush, will please report the fact to Sir R. L. Bruce, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, 62 Lafayette street.

From the Picayune of November 28th.

THE DAWN OF PEACE—THE COMING OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

We were impressed with the remark of the Eminent Commander of Indivisible Friends Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, yesterday, who said that it was peculiarly appropriate and fortunate that the Grand Encampment of the United States should be held here at this time. After a long season of internal strife, the feelings in which have been much more bitter than those which characterized the war, the dawn of peace seems to have come upon our country. The people of the North, after following the false lights of their demagogues for years, have at last begun to understand the real position of the Southern people, and, true to their feelings of manhood, have arisen in their might to drive the tricksters from the high places of the nation.

Just as this change in popular sentiment, has swept like an avalanche over the country, the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar comes to our city. They are men of intelligence, worth and influence, and will be able to see and hear for themselves, and, on their return to their homes, make a report which will bear weight with their constituents. Whether it was a foreshadowing of the importance to us of the step which led the Knights Templar three years ago, to resolve to come to our city at this time, it certainly looks like an opportunity placed in our hands by Providence, to place our real characters and feelings before the best men of the North. Let them come: we will show them what we are, and we trust that their visit will tend to spread and make permanent that peace which has but now dawned upon our people.

The work of decorating at the different halls is progressing rapidly. At Odd Fellows' Hall the arrangements are nearly completed. The honor of the beauty and appropriateness of these decorations belongs to Mr. S. B. Haggart; Sir John A. Peel, Eminent Commander, and Sir Knights Henry Cassidy and H. W. Graham. The elegant tents which are arranged on either side of the spacious hall were manufactured by Messrs. Cassidy & Miller, and are, we need hardly say, worthy specimens of their handicraft. On the landing, at the head of the first flight of stairs, will be seen a splendid bronze statue of a knight, which many of our readers will recognize as having been formerly seen at Crescent Hall. It was the property of our late fellow-citizen, Col. Walter Merriam, whose artistic taste was acknowledged by all who knew him.

Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, the steamer Great Republic, with the Ascalon Commandery of St. Louis, the steamer Idlewild, with the Elwood Commandery, of Springfield, Ill., and the Thompson Dean, with the Commanderies of Cairo and Centralia, Ill., and Terra Haute, Ind., with large numbers of ladies and individual Sir Knights, left Memphis for this city. The departure was witnessed by an immense throng of people, and amid the booming of cannon and cheers of the spectators, the excursionists started to attend the Grand Convocation. All the steamers in port displayed their colors, and the event was made a grand ovation to the Sir Knights and their accompanying friends.

Last night a very interesting event took place at the Asylum of Jacques de Molay Commandery, No. 2. The new officers recently elected, presented to the Commandery a magnificent banner, which having been privately prepared, took most of those present entirely by surprise. The presentation speech was made by Sir Knight G. H. Braughn, J. W., and was a very eloquent effort. The reply, in suitable and brilliant terms, was made by Sir Knight Geo. W. Race.

The banner is of heavy white silk, with a magnificent red cross in the centre. The inscriptions on the face of the banner, are "In hoc signo vincess," and below the Cross, "Non nobis domine, non nobis sed, nomine tuo da gloriam"—not to us, oh, Lord, not to us, but to Thy name give the glory.

On the reverse, the words "Jacques de Molay Commandery No. 2" appears.

The beautiful prize offered by the Louisiana Jockey Club as a reward to the best drilled Commandery, may now be seen in Tyler's window. It is an elegant affair, and well worthy the best efforts of the Sir Knights.

The arrival of several Commanderies was rumored on the streets during the day yesterday, but on inquiry the rumors proved false. The Virginia Commanderies were expected last night, and also the celebrated Commandery from Michigan, which took the prize for drill at the last Grand Encampment. From this time until Tuesday next they will be coming from all directions.

From the Picayune of November 28th.

FIRST ARRIVALS—ADVANCE GUARD OF THE KNIGHTS.

At twelve o'clock last night the advance guard of the Knights arrived in the city, and some put up at the St. Charles Hotel, while others remained over for the night in the cars. These Knights hail from New Jersey, and number about one hundred. Among the number who arrived last night were Sir Knights Wm. W. Goodwin, Chas. Bechtel and J. Wolverton, Past Grand Commanders; George Scott, Generalissimo, and Chas. Wolverton. They report a large number of Knights from Michigan who laid over for the night in Mobile, and will arrive this morning.

From the Picayune of November 29th.

ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST COMMANDERIES OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

The excitement over the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States, which will open in our city on Tuesday next, has been duly increasing, and is now at fever heat. Everybody has been on tiptoe of expectation in relation to the visit, and many have thought it almost impossible that the Commanderies would come such a distance just to take part in the grand Conelave of their Order.

But the question was definitely settled yesterday, when the Grand Commandery of Michigan, with other Sir Knights, delegations from Kansas, Colorado, Ohio and Indiana, making a splendid body of men, reached our city and were received with all the honors by the members of our own Commanderies.

In the reception and entertainment of these guests our own Sir Knights were kept well occupied, and yet some of them found time to pay us a compliment, which was highly appreciated.

Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1 and Jacques de Molay Commandery No. 2, while out on parade, awaiting the arrival of their friends expected on the midnight trains, called at our office and gave us delightful serenades.

We have been requested to state that after to-morrow (Monday) no invitations to the balls and receptions of the Sir Knights will be issued to our own citizens.

We have had the pleasure of a visit of Mr. Andrew J. Kaufman, a distinguished lawyer of Columbia, Pa., who visits our city as Grand Generalissimo of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. Mr. Kaufman reached the city last evening in company of a large delegation of Sir Knights from the Keystone and adjoining State.

THE FESTIVITIES.

During the visit of the Knights Templar their brethren of our city will offer to them a series of social re-unions, which cannot fail to be most enjoyable, and tend to strengthen that feeling of fraternity, which is the main ground work of the noble order.

The Grand Encampment have secured the Masonic Hall; Jacques de Molay, Grunewald Hall; Orleans, Exposition Hall, and Indivisible Friends, Odd Fellows' Hall, and the R. E. Grand Commander, Sir Joseph P. Hornor, has established his headquarters and that of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, at the St. Charles Hotel. Each of these magnificent buildings, with their spacious halls, will be decorated with evergreens, flowers, rare plants and trees, and ornamented with flags and mottoes expressive of the warm welcome felt for our guests.

These halls will be open from 8 A. M. to 11 P. M., and reception committees, selected from our most prominent citizens, so arranged as to be relieved at stated times, during the day and evening will be in waiting to receive visitors and show them every courtesy and attention. The invitations and cards to the receptions and balls have been gotten up in the most exquisite style of art. The invitations are accompanied by four admission cards for each person invited. These are not to be given up, but they must be shown at the door by the person to whom they are addressed. The cards of one Commandery will admit the possessor to the entertainments of either or all of the other commanderies, so that those who wish to do so, can visit each hall every day and evening.

It has been the aim of the Knights Templar of New Orleans to surround their guests with such opportunities for pleasure and enjoyable social intercourse, that they shall all bear to their homes the most pleasing memories of the Crescent City, and we know that no exertion will be spared to accomplish this object.

AN APPEAL.

Now that the brass band is a nightly experience, and serenades have become epidemic, we should like to make a suggestion to the band masters. It is this: Let up on tunes like "Auld Lang Syne," "The Last Rose of Summer," and "Von Weber's last;" give cheerful, lively and inspiring music. We are entering on a season of gaiety and conviviality. The city is filling with visitors, and our spirits endeavor to rise. Assist the commendable effort, instead of discouraging it. Enliven us with stirring strains, instead of depressing us with sad and dismal ones. Who can feel hospitable or festive after five minutes of "Auld Lang Syne?" Two verses of the "Last Rose of Summer" make an average mortal wish the Knights had stayed at home. A "repeat" of Von Weber prompts one to ask destiny for the list of his offenses.

Don't go on in this way, gentlemen; be lively and hopeful in your tone; take a pleasant view of life and turn your back upon the grave.

MAY THE BEST WIN—THE JOCKEY CLUB PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRILLED COMMANDERY—THE AWARDING OF THE TESTIMONIAL.

The Louisiana Jockey Club welcomes the Knights Templar in proper and regal style. The procession of the Templars promised of itself to be a grand and interesting sight, but the action of the Jockey Club in offering a valuable testimonial to the best drilled body, will undoubtedly put every Commandery on its mettle to display itself to the best advantage, and to make its drill as perfect as possible. Already, spurred on by this proper testimonial, the commanders are drilling, planning new evolutions and marching tactics to excel their brothers. The gentlemen of the Jockey Club in offering the gift have indeed acted as hosts—have spoken for the people of New Orleans, and extended friendly and welcome hands to our visitors, as we all do. To these gentlemen we all feel indebted as having truly and properly represented New Orleans.

The following rules and regulations have been agreed on by the gentlemen of the Jockey Club committee:

Regulations for the Competition for the Testimonial for the Best Drilled Commandery,^e Presented by the Louisiana Jockey Club.

1. The testimonial will be awarded by a committee composed of the following gentlemen: Gen. Beauregard, Gen. Emory, Gen. Hood, Col. Floyd Jones and Gen. Gibson.

2. The test for the award will be the general appearance, marching and evolutions of the several Commanderies in the line of march of the parade on Friday, 4th December.

3. The committee will inspect the Commanderies at three places in the line of march—from Exposition Hall, from the residence of the Grand Commander (Hornor) of Louisiana, on Magazine street, and from the Clay Statue, Canal street, at the close of the parade.

4. The testimonial will be presented immediately after the parade at Grunewald Hall.

GUS. A. BREAUX,
R. W. SIMMONS,
JOHN A. MORRIS,

Committee of Arrangements of Louisiana Jockey Club.

From the Picayune of November 30th.

**MORE OF THEM—THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ARE STILL COMING—
LIVELY TIMES AT HEADQUARTERS.**

Yesterday, throughout the day and evening, the headquarters of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana was crowded with Sir Knights and visitors, making up a lively scene that it was pleasant to see. Passing through the throng at the St. Charles Hotel, exchanging salutations with hundreds of friends from all portions of the Union, we found the greatest satisfaction and good feeling existing. Col. Rivers was everywhere, attending with his usual promptness and courtesy to the wants of every one, and his guests were delighted with their quarters. The order for horses for the grand parade of Friday has been entrusted to Mr. J. N. Shawhan, which is a sufficient guarantee that that part of the programme will be well attended to. For courtesies we are indebted to Sir Knights D. W. C. Peck, Z. M. Pike, J. H. DeGrange, and Grand Captain General Wm. L. Stanford.

Josiah H. Drummond, M. P. Grand Commander of the Northern Supreme Council of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, and Past General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, as well as a distinguished Knight Templar, has arrived in our city and established his headquarters at the St. Charles Hotel. This illustrious Mason is also the chairman of the Convention of Royal and Select Masters, which adjourned last June in New York, to hold an assembly in New Orleans. The assembly will be held at the Grand Lodge Hall to-day at high noon. All Illustrious Companions should be present to welcome Brother Drummond and the other delegates, who have had intrusted to them the vital interests of Cryptic Masonry.

The following correspondence will be read with pleasure by our citizens, who desire that every possible courtesy and attention may be extended to our visitors:.

HEADQUARTERS JACKSON BARRACKS, }
New Orleans, November 27, 1874. }

Hon. Jos. P. Hornor, Grand Master Knights Templar :

Sir—Understanding that the programme regulating the movements of the visiting and resident Sir Knights includes visits to the public institutions and various points of general interest at and near this city, and wishing to, in behalf of the officers of this command, express an appreciation of the courtesies extended to us in connection with the approaching Nineteenth Triennial Conclave of the fraternity of which you are the Grand Commander, I have to

respectfully inform you that at these barracks dress parades are holden Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week, immediately before sunset, on which occasions all visitors are made welcome.

Respectfully, yours, etc.,

J. HALE,
First Lieutenant and Post Adjutant.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER }
OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,
New Orleans, Nov. 1874. }

Leut. J. Hale, Post Adjutant, 3d U. S. Infantry, Jackson Barracks :

Sir : Your courteous letter of the 27th inst. received, and I tender you my grateful acknowledgment for your kind invitation to the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction and their guests, to witness the parades of the soldiers of your command. Due notice will be given, so that all who desire may enjoy that pleasure.

Very respectfully, yours,
J. P. HONOR, Grand Commander.

ROOMS, ORLEANS DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION, }
New Orleans, Nov. 28, 1874. }

Sir Knight Joseph P. Honor, Grand Commander, State of Louisiana :

Dear Sir : Wishing to assist in making the visit of your companions, Sir Knights Templars of the United States, to our city, pleasant and agreeable, the occasion being their triennial celebration, we have the honor to convey to you the result of a special meeting held November 22, 1874 :

Resolved, That we tender to all Sir Knights and their guests sojourning in our city, during their stay with us, the freedom of our club rooms ; and that the Association resolve themselves into a Committee of the Whole to act as a Reception Committee.

Hoping the favor done our city in selecting it as the scene for the reunion of the Knights Templar fraternity, may prove a grand inaugural to the era of peace and regeneration of national brotherhood, we have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servants,

CHAS. F. BUCK, President.

M. D. GARDNER, Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF }
LOUISIANA,
New Orleans, November 28, 1874. }

Chas. F. Buck, Esq., President, and M. D. Gardner, Secretary of the New Orleans Dramatic Association :

Gentlemen—Yours of this morning, tendering to the Knights Templar of this jurisdiction and their guests, the freedom of your club during the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was duly received, and accepting the same, I thank you for your very graceful compliment paid us, and will gladly avail ourselves of the privilege.

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH P. HONOR,
Grand Commander.

Mississippi Commandery No. 1, of Jackson, Miss., arrived here to-day by the Jackson Railroad, some forty or fifty strong. The Commandery has its headquarters at No. 19 St. Charles street.

A large number, some twenty or thirty Sir Knights, with all the commandery officers of Mount Vernon Commandery No. 1, of Columbus, Ohio, also arrived here yesterday.

Detachments arrived yesterday from the following Commanderies :

Holly Springs, No. 4, Miss.; Mississippi No. 27, Miss.; Hope No. 26, Ohio; Mt. Vernon No. 1, Ohio; Leavenworth No. 1, Kansas; Wisconsin No. 1. Milwaukee; Paducah, Ky.; Cyprus No. 10, Ohio; Apollo No. 1, Ill.; Chicago No. 9, Ill.; Baldwin I No. 22, Penn.; Toledo No. 7, Ohio; Columbia No. 28, Ohio; Sturgis, Mich., Steubenville No. 11, Ohio; Mississippi No. 1, Miss., Kosciusko No. 11, Miss.; South Carolina, S. C.; Crusade No. 5, Md.; Geneva No. 39, N. Y.; Hugh de Paynes No. 30, N. Y.; Palestine No. 30, Md.; Columbia No. 4, Conn.; De Molay No. 8, Miss.; Baldwin I No. 2, Md.; Cambridge City No. 9, Ind.; Mary No. 14, Miss.; De Molay No. 4, Va.; St. Louis No. 1, Mo.; Lancaster No. 2, Mo.; Cœur de Lion No. 1, Fla.; North-western No. 25, Penn.; Columbia No. 2, D. C.; St. John No. 20, Ohio; Meadville No. 25, Penn.; Palestine No. 9, Ct.; Hanselman, Ohio; Christiansburg, Va.; Bradford, Me.; Tancred, Penn.

The train from Mobile, last night, brought detachments from Middle Tennessee, Nashville Commandery No. 1, Pulaski No. 12, Depryens No. 11, about fifty Knights from Savannah, with a large number of visitors, many of whom are ladies.

The express train of the Jackson Railroad, brought in delegations from Columbus, Ind., Water Valley, Miss., and Lexington, Miss.

To-day the large Northern train will reach the city with Knights to attend the procession that will escort the Grand Officers to their Asylum at the Masonic Hall. The train, which comes by way of Mobile, had some six hundred Sir Knights aboard when it left Cairo. This number will be increased at all the stopping places along the route. It is expected that some eight hundred or one thousand Sir Knights will arrive by this train alone. Among these will be St. Louis Commandery No. 1, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 10 of St. Louis, Chicago Commandery No. 19, and a number of Commanderies from Missouri and Illinois.

The various Commanderies of the State of Louisiana are ordered to report to their respective headquarters to-day for escort duty. To-morrow these Commanderies, in full dress uniform, will march to the headquarters of the Grand Master, at the St. Charles Hotel, and thence escort the Grand Officers to the Asylum, at the Masonic Hall. All visiting Commanderies that choose will unite in this procession.

FRIDAY NEXT—THE ILLUMINATION.

Friday, of this week, having been chosen by the Knights Templar as the day of their grand parade, there is a very general desire among our citizens to honor the occasion, and to show to our visitors our high appreciation of their visit. The stores and residences on our principal thoroughfares will be elaborately decorated with wreaths, evergreens and appropriate designs. It has been suggested, in addition to this, that our citizens illuminate their places Friday night, and the suggestion has met with very general favor. Several of our most prominent citizens have announced their intention to illuminate and we hope that the movement may become general.

WHAT WAS DONE ON MONDAY AND THE PROGRAMME FOR TUESDAY.

The frequent strains of music on the streets yesterday, the activity at headquarters, the flags displayed from many public buildings, and the thousands of strangers to be met at every turn, kept our whole city in a constant state of excitement and expectation.

ARRIVALS.

At 5 o'clock, P. M., the long expected train from Mobile reached the depot on Canal street, with nine sleeping coaches and four passenger cars, all crowded. Among them were St. Louis Commandery No. 1, St. Aldemar No. 21, both from St. Louis; Hospitaler No. 31, from Jacksonville, Ill., and many ladies and visitors. These were taken charge of by Jacques de Molay No. 2, of our city, and escorted to headquarters.

The magnificent steamer Thompson Dean arrived at 4½ to 5 o'clock, with the various Commanderies, as already reported, on board. Her arrival was made the occasion of a grand ovation, a salute was fired by Battery B, the shipping displayed their bunting, and our own Orleans Commandery No. 3 was on hand to bid them welcome to the Crescent City.

Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, proceeded at 1½ o'clock to the Jackson Railroad, with instructions from the Grand Captain General, and there received and escorted to the St. Charles Hotel the following Commanderies:

From Louisville, State of Nebraska; Vicksburg, Miss.; Memphis, Tenn.; Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Illinois, who were in charge of Sir Knight Grand Captain General J. W. Moore.

They looked to be in fine spirits and delighted with their journey, and were heartily welcomed by the Sir Knights of our city.

These were received by Indivisible Friends No. 3.

At 4 o'clock the Morgan Texas train arrived with the Grand Commandery of Texas, and were taken charge of by Mississippi No. 1, who have volunteered to assist our local Commanderies.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the representatives of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, on the train, near New Orleans, November 30, 1874:

Resolved, That the representatives of the Grand Commandery of the State of Nebraska are under obligations to and hereby tender their thanks to the several conductors from Nebraska City to New Orleans, and particularly to J. A. Hawkins, conductor of train No. 2, running from Canton to New Orleans, for the many acts of kindness and courtesy shown us while on our pilgrimage to the latter city; and wish to compliment the managers of the several railroads for selecting so able and competent officers and courteous gentlemen, to perform the responsible duties of conductors as it has been our pleasure to travel with on our journey.

EXPECTED.

The steamer Idlewild passed Baton Rouge, at 1 P. M., yesterday, and the Great Republic at 2 P. M. Both of these elegant packets have been specially chartered for the occasion, and have on board large delegations, the names of which have already been given.

A large train by the Jackson Railroad was expected at midnight, and among those on board are the members of Elwood Commandery of Springfield, Ill.

Large trains were also en route from Mobile, having sixteen sleeping cars and eight passenger coaches.

HEADQUARTERS.

The following are the headquarters for the Sir Knights of the respective States:

- Louisiana, Parlor E, St. Charles Hotel.
- De Molay No. 4, D. C., Room 16, St. Charles Hotel.
- Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 180 Canal street.
- Pennsylvania, Parlor B.
- New Jersey, Parlor A.
- Maryland, Room 25.
- Tennessee, Room 11.
- New York, Parlor C.
- Michigan, Parlor M.
- Nebraska, Room 87.

Kentucky, St. Charles and Gravier streets.
 Texas, City Hotel.
 Indiana, Room 22.
 Mississippi No. 1, 13 St. Charles street.
 Alabama, City Hall.
 Louisville Commandery No. 1 and Grand Commandery of Kentucky, at Orleans Dramatic Association rooms, 46 St. Charles street.

NOT CROWDED.

Notwithstanding the fact that over sixteen hundred guests are now registered at the St. Charles Hotel, there is room enough for more. Everything moves like clock work about this immense establishment. A few of the items on the provision bill yesterday may interest our readers—say 500 dozen eggs, 16,000 oysters, 125 turkeys and other items in porportion.

TO-DAY.

To-day all of our local Commanderies are ordered to report in full dress uniform to perform escort duty.

The Sir Knights from Maryland are ordered to assemble in full dress uniform at their headquarters, Parlor 25 St. Charles Hotel, this morning at 9 o'clock, to assist our local Knights. This evening the grand opening balls will be given, to which so many thousands have looked forward with the greatest interest. We will say here again, that the tickets of one Commandery admit the holder at all the balls, so that all may join in the festivities at each place.

THE COTTON EXCHANGE GREETING.

The correspondence below will indicate the hearty appreciation of the visit of the Knights to our city on the part of the cotton merchants of our metropolis. We would advise the Sir Knights who feel an interest in the welfare of our city to visit our Cotton Exchange. They will see there not only the finest Exchange in the world, and we say it boldly, but they will meet a class of merchants that have no superiors in gentility, hospitality or intellect on this continent. They will come in contact with a class of men that would honor any city or any country:

Jos. P. Hornor, Grand Commander Knights Templar, State of Louisiana:

Sir—In the name of the President and members of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, I have the honor to extend the courtesies and freedom of our institution to the various resident and visiting Sir Knights comprising the "19th Triennial Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States."

Trusting they will avail themselves of this invitation and visit our Exchange, I am, sir, very respectfully,

HENRY G. HESTER, Secretary.

H. G. Hester, Esq., Secretary New Orleans Cotton Exchange:

Dear Sir—Your communication of this date received, and in behalf of the Grand Commandery of this State, and the visiting Sir Knights, allow me to thank you, and undoubtedly a large number of Templars will avail themselves of your invitation.

Respectfully,

JOS. P. HORNOR,
 Grand Commander of Louisiana.

DRILL AT THE RACES.

To-day the officers and members of DeMolay Commandery No. 4, U. D. Mounted Knights Templar from Washington, have been invited to drill by

the Louisiana Jockey Club, to which they have gracefully responded, and the drill will take place at the race track to-day.

DeMolay No. 4 is a splendid body and admirably drilled, so the entertainment will be one well worth seeing.

MISCELLANEOUS.

We were pleased yesterday to receive a visit from Hon. R. S. Taft, of Burlington, Vt., who comes to New Orleans to attend the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. Gov. Taft is a prominent and distinguished citizen of his State, and the impression he may form of New Orleans, will be felt and reflected in Vermont, after he shall have returned. We need hardly say of him, as of all the other Templars now visiting our city, that we feel sure his coming will redound to the benefit of Louisiana both now and in the future. We trust Gov. Taft's sojourn here may be agreeable, and shall be glad to see him again.

J. G. Smith, D. G. C., State of Alabama, has made headquarters for the Alabama delegation, at the City Hotel.

The Grand Commander of Nebraska, and delegations from that State, also arrived yesterday, and are quartered at the City Hotel.

B. B. Richardson, Grand Commander of the State of Texas, arrived yesterday, and has made his headquarters at the City Hotel, where he will be pleased to see his friends.

We acknowledge the compliment of calls from Mr. Wm. H. Mayo, of the St. Louis Times, and Mr. John T. Bell, city editor of the Nashville Union and American. Both gentlemen are accompanying the Commanderies of their respective States, and can be found at the St. Charles Hotel.

We are indebted to the Ascalon Commandery, K. T., for a courteous invitation to their reception, which will take place on board of the steamer Great Republic on Wednesday evening, December 2.

St. Louis Commandery No. 1, which arrived early last evening by rail, favored the Picayune doubly, with a call from the officers and a serenade by the band. This band, by the way, is quite celebrated, being that of Frank Behn, the same which took the premium at Baltimore three years ago, over thirty-six of the best bands in the United States.

Sir John C. Bloomfield is Eminent Commander, and Sir Dave Goodfellow, Captain General of St. Louis No. 1. All are quartered at the St. Charles Hotel.

We received, last evening, a pleasant call from Sir Knight C. F. Billingley, S. G. W., of the Grand Commandery. Mr. Billingley is a splendid specimen of the real Kentucky gentleman, genial, social and warm hearted. He reports in splendid condition, six feet three and three-quarter inches in his stocking feet, and carrying 269 pounds of good solid humanity.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

THE SESSION OPENED—TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1874.

*The 19th Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment—A Grand Procession—
The Opening Festivities.*

ARRIVALS.

Large numbers of Knights still continue to come in from day to day, many in commanderies, and others individually and by them themselves. Among the larger delegations that arrived yesterday, were Ivanhoe, of St. Louis, about 30 Sir Knights; Chicago, No. 19, 20 Sir Knights; Muskegan, No. 22, Michigan, 20 Sir Knights; La Porte, No. 12; Columbia, No. 2; Washington, D. C.; Grice, No. 16, Norfolk, Va., and Stevenson, No. 8, Stanton, Va.

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, that arrived early Monday morning, is the largest Commandery that has yet arrived, consisting of considerably over 120 Knights, from every portion of that State.

The display of Knights Templar in conducting the officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States to their Asylum, the Masonic Hall, where the deliberations of the Grand Council will be held, was a novel sight to New Orleans. To all procession seers it presented so many advantages over ordinary processions, that it could not fail to draw everybody out. The Commanderies are so well drilled that their marching, shifting and changing is a sight in itself. This may explain why so many persons, ladies and children, turned out to witness what was only a preliminary of the grand procession of Friday.

The streets through which the procession marched, were all decorated with flags and wreaths, and the Templars were welcomed at every house they passed.

FIRST SECTION.

After the usual incidentals of policemen and boys who congregated around, and, inspired by the music, marched with a military air, the Knights Templar themselves burst on the people, lead by the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, Sir Joseph P. Hornor, Grand Commander.

The Grand Commandery was mounted on horseback, and introduced the Indivisible Friends Commandery, No. 1, of Louisiana, about thirty in numbers, marching in threes, and displaying a great acquaintance with drill.

Next to these came Magnolia No. 2, of Vicksburg, Miss., one of the most complete staying in the city, and in whose ranks are numerous squads from the other Mississippi Commanderies—St. Cyr No. 6, Jackson No. 9, of Jackson; Rosalie No. 5, of Natchez; Mary No. 14, of Corinth, and De Molay No. 4—forming a well drilled band of over one hundred Sir Knights. The Commandery drilled as it marched with perfect ease, shifting from files of three to six, and back again.

Introduced by another band came the Jacques de Molay No. 2, of New Orleans, introducing the Grand Commanderies of New York, A. E. Lyttle, G. C.; John W. Simons, A. T. G.; J. Fardey, D. G. C.; John Perry, G. C. G.; John L. Saye, G. S. W.; Charles A. Becully, Gr. Jr. W.; H. H. Howard, G. Sword Bearer.

Next came the Grand Commandery of Ohio, escorted by delegates from various Ohio Commanderies, Mount Vernon No. 1, Hannibal No. 16; the Grand Commandery, E. T. Carson, G. C.; L. B. Curtis, G. W.; James Nesbit, G. R.; B. D. Babcock, G. G.

SECOND SECTION.

The second section was introduced by a band, and escorted by Orleans Commandery No. 3, of this city.

The first Commandery was from Kentucky.

The Grand Commandery, led by Hiram Bassett, G. G., in command, and H. H. Neal, P. G. J. W., was followed by Sir Knights from Covington, No. 10, De Molay No. 12, Montgomery Commandery, and a large squad from Louisville No. 1:

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, consisting of John A. Dusenberry, G. C.; Andrew J. Kaufman, D. G. C.; Wm. H. Egle, G. C. G.; Thomas B. Dick, G. S. W.; Charles Meyer, G. R.; Wm. Meyer, G. S. W. B.

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania was one of the largest in the procession, having all the trappings and symbols of office, crozier, sword, etc.

The Sir Knights attending were from various Commanderies in the State of Pennsylvania; Hutchinson No. 32, Muskegon No. 23, De Molay No. 9, St. John No. 20, Alleghany No. 35, Kadosh No. 28, Tancred No. 48, Grand Bend No. 27, Northwestern No. 25, and Morristown No. 22. The flag of the Grand Commandery was half white and black, of beautiful design.

THIRD SECTION.

The third section was led by Cairo No. 13, of Illinois, some 50 strong, escorting the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

After them came the Virginia Commanderies, Christiansberg and Graham No. 3, and the Grand Commandery of that State, James A. Bain, G. C. G., wound up the third division.

There was a long interstice between this and the next or fourth division, led by Terre Haute No. 16, of Indiana, and representatives from Mt. Olivet and Mt. Calvary Commanderies, of Nebraska.

The other Indiana Commanderies represented, were La Vilet, No. 14; Cambridge City No. 9; Columbus No. 14; Greencastle No. 11; Fort Wayne, No. 4; Baldwin, No. 2; Lewis, No. 14.

The Grand Commandery of Texas, L. P. Oppenheimer, and the Grand Commandery of Michigan, L. H. Randell, G. C., followed.

Nashville No. 1, led in the Grand Commandery of Tennessee: John Frizzell, P. G. C.; Henry Sheffield, G. G. C. G.; H. C. Connor, G. G.; W. B. Stoddard, G. W.; A. H. Sears, P. G. C.

The Nashville Commandery was exceedingly well drilled. They had able antagonists, however, in their successors the St. Louis Commanderies, among whom certainly the prize for good drilling will fall. These were—St. Louis No. 1, St. Aldemar No. 18, and Askalon Commandery No. 9. All these drilled as they marched by, forming squares, crosses and all manner of tactics. The Missouri Grand Commandery followed.

FOURTH SECTION.

These were followed by Sir Knights from half a dozen States, Georgia, Alabama, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, and consisting of the following Commanderies: Mobile No. 2, Eufaula No. 5, Alabama; Leavenworth No. 1, Kansas; South Carolina No. 1, Darius No. 7, St. Omer No. 12, Minnesota; Patterson, New Jersey; Shloam No. 3, Maine.

Monroe No. 19, Bay City No. 26, Valley No. 15, Columbia No. 18, De Molay No. 5, Three Rivers No. 29, Muskegon No. 23, of Michigan.

Covington No. 10, Robinson No. 9, Louisville No. 1, of Kentucky; Hugh de Payens, New Hampshire; St. John, Delaware.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The De Molay No. 4, of Washington, D. C., the finest looking body of the whole procession, escorted, mounted, the Grand Encampment of the United States.; J. Q. A. Fellows, G. M.; Rev. Josiah Crosby Waldo, G. P.; John A. Caldwell, P. G. Rec.; Wm. Wallace, G. S. B.; Irving Smith, Gr. S. B.; James Sorby, G. G. C.; Vincent L. Hurlbut, G. G.

This ended the procession, which must have been nearly 2000 strong. After marching over the principal streets the Grand Encampment was lodged in the Masonic Hall and serenaded by all the Commanderies as they marched by.

The delegation having been called to order, the

NINETEENTH TRIENNIAL SESSION

was opened. The hall was very handsomely decorated with evergreens and flowers. We have never seen a finer body of men than those who gathered around Grand Master Fellows yesterday. They were worthy representatives of the wealth, education, refinement and chivalry of every section of our Union.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Sir Knight Josiah Crosby Waldo, of New London, Conn., Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment.

The Knights were welcomed to Masonic Hall by Grand Master M. E. Girard, in the following eloquent words, the delivery of which was frequently interrupted by applause from those present:

Most Eminent Grand Master and Sir Knights—The presence of this armed host, with banners and glittering swords, within the sanctuary of our temple, admonishes us that the nineteenth triennial meeting of the Knights Templar of the United States is at hand. The occasion has called forth from their homes and firesides so many distinguished and illustrious Masons, whose well earned fame has spread both far and wide for noble acts of pure beneficence, as to impress upon our minds the conviction that it must involve matters of serious import and deep interest, evidencing a fervent zeal and praiseworthy earnestness in promoting the cause they are enlisted in. As a mark of our appreciation of its importance and magnitude, and as a token of esteem and respect to yourself, sir, the grand officers and members of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Louisiana has, by unanimous vote, passed resolutions tendering a hearty welcome to the Knights Templar of the United States, now about to assemble in this city in Grand Encampment; and as the representative in Louisiana of that ancient brotherhood of good men and true, which being of all nations, all tongues, all kindred, all languages and all religions, is resolved against all politics and knows no religious sect, I bid you, M. E. Sir, and your legions of valiant and magnanimous Knights a hearty, a most hearty, welcome to our State and the hospitalities of our city of the South.

Truly, the occasion is glorious, and will long be held in grateful remembrance by the sons of Louisiana. We are proud, indeed, sir, this day to have in our midst such a mighty host of eminent valiant Knights, gathered together from every portion of our great Republic, armed and equipped for that noble moral warfare in which they are so earnestly engaged. We can behold and welcome, too, with most pleasant feelings and satisfaction, this array of glittering swords, for they are endowed with justice and fortitude tempered by mercy; as ready, too, doubtless, as any to leap from their scabbards at the call of justice, truth and rational liberty, but never, no, never, in the cause of injustice, falsehood or oppression. Your banners ever so defiantly displayed, who could contemplate with aught but admiration, knowing that they point to that path of honor, integrity and virtue leading to a glorious immortality, under the auspices of our well known and universal symbol of peace and good will to all. The Lamb, so eminently characteristic of that purity of heart and rectitude of conduct essentially necessary for all to possess who would gain admis-

sion to that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, where the Divine Grand Master presides in all the effulgence of supreme wisdom, with the strength of omnipotence and the beauty of holiness.

Of this all, we are proud indeed; but, Sir Knights, there is something we feel much prouder of: 'Tis that in the full sincerity of our hearts we can extend to you a Mason's right hand of fellowship, and in truth call each and every one of you "brother," that simple yet affectionate title that so vividly calls to our minds those pleasant scenes of the Masonic family, where are inculcated those lessons of brotherly love, relief and truth, so impressively illustrated by your own valiant and magnanimous order; and ever bids us, even amidst all the honors and high titles that may be conferred upon us, never lose sight of the Masonic pavement of the lodge, and ever keep in faithful remembrance those first principles of our noble art, taught by our Masonic mother, at whose solemn teachings we must have felt our hearts throb with sincere gratification under the influence of that mystic tie that unites us in one universal, sacred band of friends and brothers, among whom there can be no contention other than a noble emulation of who can best work, who best agree.

Brothers, therefore, one and all, in the name of your brothers of Louisiana, I now greet you and bid you a fraternal welcome. In their name I feel I can safely say: Brothers, all enter our seats and share with us our bread and water; though of silver and gold we have none; yet, such as we have we cheerfully give unto you; our homes are your homes, may you find them pleasant and agreeable. This hall, dedicated to universal benevolence, these rooms all are yours, accept them and use them freely as your own, and rest assured that we only desire and sincerely hope that whilst you tarry with us you may not only be, but feel at "home."

Sir Knights, you will now soon be called to engage and participate in important and doubtless solemn duties, to fulfill the object of your mission, and I would fain give expression to a hope suggested by your presence here; that your labors may not only redound to the glory of our Father in Heaven, whom we all honor and trust alike, and tend to the advancement of your own order, but be also of some practical benefit to our country. socially—politically—in having drawn together, from every part of our Union, so many representatives and influential citizens, whose knightly communion together must ripen into personal friendships of an enduring character and create a permanent and reliable centre of union, which being ever afterwards continuously enlarged, must eventually expand over and encircle around, within its harmonizing influence, the whole of our country, cementing more firmly in one compact mass and grasping together in the strongest bonds of eternal unity, love and peace, the several parts of the political structure of our United States; and brethren when you will have accomplished your labors and returned to your own homes, some in far distant climes, may we trust that you will sometimes think of the sons of Louisiana in kindness and as brothers, and good and true men, even though their lot be cast in that far sunny Southland, by some so bitterly and relentlessly denounced, yet oh! how unsparingly scourged by war, by pestilence, by inundation and by injustice, falsehood and oppression!

Finally, in the name of the free and accepted Masons of Louisiana who cannot but entertain and express the hope that you may long cherish pleasant recollections of your pilgrimage to this City of "the Crescent," I again bid you, Sir Knights all, welcome to our State and our city, welcome to our homes and our firesides, welcome to our temple and our altars.

Hon. Jos. H. Hopkins, D. G. M. of Pittsburg, replied in the following eloquent manner.

Most Worshipful Grand Master—Speaking for the Grand Encampment of the United States and for the thousands of Knights Templar this day assembled here, I thank you sincerely and profoundly for your warm-hearted wel-

come. The Knights, Masons and citizens of New Orleans, by their kindly greeting and generous hospitality, have awakened in the hearts of their visitors the liveliest emotions of gratitude and affection. We cordially reciprocate the feelings of friendship and fraternity which you have so eloquently expressed.

Although we come into your midst in full martial array, with nodding plumes and waving banners and glittering swords, ours is a peaceful mission. Although our sword blades are etched with memorials of sanguinary strife, their hilts bear the emblem of peace. Before the cold steel can leave its scabbard, our hands must grasp the cross. Thus the symbol of our faith in the Prince of Peace dominates over the implement of worldly passion. All of this land has seen enough, too much of blood, too much of hatred, too much of wrong. The animosities engendered by fratricidal war have survived too long. It is high time that the people North and South, should realize the great purpose of the Almighty in forming and preserving this government, and spreading out before it a future of concord, prosperity, power and glory. It is that America should cleanse her garments of their dust and battle-stains: and having every scar erased, with all her members perfect, compact and strong, and with her diadem, full jeweled, upon her queenly brow, should again take proper place among the nations of the world. Our organization has no political purpose; it meddles not with political dogmas or plans; but it is national in its jurisdiction, and fraternal in its character. And while exulting in its prosperity and power, we cannot be indifferent to our civil governors. We cannot doubt that if our essential principles of fraternal love, and Knightly magnanimity, and liberal hospitality, and all abounding charity were made the practical guides of Statesmanship, they would produce individual happiness and national prosperity.

"A union of hearts, a union of hands,
A union of States none can sever."

So that when we meet and mingle together here, to legislate for our illustrious Order, to cement old friendships and to form new ones, we are adding rivets to the chain of our nationality, and thus are serving the double purpose of patriotism and fraternity.

Most Worshipful Sir—This is not the first time the banners of the cross waived over a Crescent City; but never before was the surrender made with so much eagerness and grace. Never before were the invading hosts so gladly and so warmly welcomed. Never before did they find under the ensign of Mahomet such noble Knights of the true faith, bearing the indelible sign of brotherhood in their hearts, and manifesting it in all their acts. You have surrendered your beautiful city and temple to us: we surrender our hearts to you. When the unwelcome hour of separation comes, we sincerely hope that we may leave behind us, as delightful memories as we shall carry with us to our homes.

The Grand Conclave then proceeded to business, by organizing and preparing for such matters as will be acted upon at the meeting.

ON BOARD THE STEAMERS.

Large numbers of our citizens went on board of the different steamers chartered by the visiting Sir Knights, and were there handsomely and courteously received. On the Thompson Dean, at dinner hour, a very large party filled the dining-hall, and every one seemed delighted with the accommodations afforded. The satisfaction of the passengers on this steamer is well expressed in the following resolutions furnished us for publication :

ON BOARD STEAMER THOMPSON DEAN, }
November 30, 1874. }

The Knights Templar of Cairo Commandery, Illinois, and Terre Haute and Logansport Commanderies, Indiana, pilgrims to their Mecca, knowing right

well, what are the courtesies and comforts of life, and how to enjoy them to their very utmost; and having reached the haven where they would be, are spontaneously constrained to give expression to their profound gratification in the following resolutions:

1. That, to Capt. James Paul, of the magnificent steamer Thompson Dean, we are indebted for one of the most delightful trips that, in our belief, was ever made upon the Mississippi River. The harmony that has prevailed during our entire voyage we believe to be due to the orders given by Capt. Paul for our comfort. As weary pilgrims, traveling from afar, we have been refreshed with unstinted scrip; our enemies must have been removed to the other side of the river, for we have not seen one, and our journey, instead of being one of privation and discomfort so necessary to promote our penitence, has been one of unalloyed pleasure.

Such Hospitaliers may we ever meet to soften the hardships of our pilgrimage through life, and we most earnestly recommend all pilgrims and others to seek Capt. Paul when they travel upon the Mississippi River.

2. To Capt. Geo. Miltenberger, clerk; the pilots, W. D. Philips and Angelo McBride, and to the steward, Capt. Ed. Brown, we are under obligations for our safety and creature comforts which we cannot easily cancel or forget. Their amiability in the management of, and their patient submission to the annoyances naturally incident to so large a number of passengers, is convincing proof of their eminent fitness for the positions they occupy.

3. The charming steamer Thompson Dean! May she live long and prosper, and be as she is now, the temporary home of many a happy party such as ours, and may she more than meet in her profits the fondest expectations of her owners.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the New Orleans Picayune.

J. B. HAGER,
C. W. DUNNING,
F. A. ROSS,

Committee.

Capt. Paul being loudly called for, responded briefly, thanking all for the kind resolutions tendered him, and for the hearty unanimity with which they were adopted. He hoped the remainder of the trip would be as pleasant as the past has been, and wished all many pleasant sails on the noble Mississippi.

This steamer was chartered by the Cairo Commandery No. 18, who have on board as guests the Grand Commandery of Illinois, the Grand Commandery of Indiana, Terre Haute No. 16, and many individual Knights. The whole arrangements are under the direction of the Cairo Commandery, and reflect the highest credit on their energy, management and taste.

THE GREAT REPUBLIC,

one of the finest steamers on our waters, has a gay crowd of Knights and ladies. On this steamer we met G. W. Lininger, P. D. G. M., and Fred. Gretchell, Grand Generalissimo of Ivanhoe Commandery, Council Bluff, Iowa.

The headquarters of the Iowa delegation will be on board the Great Republic. This steamer flies the flag of Ascalon Commandery, of St. Louis, Sir J. F. Aglar, P. G. C., of Missouri, E. C.; Geo. J. Goodwin, Generalissimo, and Geo. W. West, Captain General. Among the guests we notice the name of Sir Vincent L. Hurlbut, V. E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

This evening, at 9 o'clock, there will be a grand reception on the Great Republic, invitations to which have been issued to many of our citizens.

THE IDLEWILD

is a new and elegant steamer, and is the headquarters of many of the Knights now visiting our city. On this steamer, while we were there, a grand excursion was talked of to go down the river to-day. The Knights and ladies on

this boat speak in the highest terms of the vessel and her officers, and their courteous attentions during the trip. About 4 o'clock some of these visiting Commanderies

CALLED OFFICIALLY

on each of the Commanderies of our city. The scene of their welcome was a very impressive one, and the Sir Knights seemed to enjoy their call as much as those whose pleasure it was to act as their hosts.

Under the auspices of the gentlemen of the

LOUISIANA JOCKEY CLUB,

some of our visitors attended the fall meeting of that Association to witness the races. The grounds are beautifully laid out and the track is one of the best in the Union. There was a very large attendance and the races afforded fine sport to those present.

THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR DRILL.

During the heats the officers and members of De Molay Commandery No. 4, U. D. Mounted Knights Templar, from Washington, performed a series of fine manœuvres, forming into crosses, squadrons and platoons with all the regularity and precision of trained cavalry. These were very pretty, and with the splendid horses of the Sir Knights, which they had brought with them from Washington, attracted a great deal of attention; indeed, among the visiting Sir Knights there is no finer body of men.

Sir Jas. P. Pearson, Eminent Commander.

Sir Geo. W. Balloch, Generalissimo.

Sir George B. Clark, Captain General.

Sir I. L. Johnson, Prelate.

Sir H. Browning, Treasurer.

Sir L. G. Stephens, Recorder.

Sir C. L. Patton, Senior Warden.

Sir M. M. Whitney, Junior Warden.

Sir E. G. Wheeler, Standard Bearer.

Sir A. M. Daniels, Sword Bearer.

Sir F. L. Chapman, Warder.

Sir A. W. Kelley, Captain of Guard.

Sir I. Stoddard, Sentinel and Q. M.

After the drill the gentlemen dismounted, and partook of the hospitality of the club, after which they returned to the city.

WELCOME VISITORS.

Our sanctum was this morning enlivened by the presence of Messrs. George K. Keel and John Best, of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, who visit New Orleans to attend the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. They are from Lancaster City, Pa.

THE TEMPLARS AND THE ARMY.

Through Lieut. Reade, of the United States Army, a member of the Grand Commandery of Kansas and Louisiana, we learn that Col. D. L. F. Jones, of the Third United States Infantry, commanding at the Jackson Barracks, has extended to all of the visiting and resident Knights Templar an invitation to visit the Barracks at 12 o'clock to-day, for the purpose of receiving such hospitalities as the officers of the army have it in their power to extend. It is

proposed to have a grand dress parade and review of the troops stationed there, and to practically illustrate the workings of the famous Gatling gun. After the review other courtesies will be extended, and doubtless a most delightful time will be had.

ON THE STREETS

everything wore a lively appearance. Great crowds thronged the thoroughfares and merrily chatted as they passed along. The splendid weather, multitude of flags and banners, and crowds of handsomely dressed Knights, afforded inexhaustible subjects to talk about. In the throngs we noticed many ladies who wore the badges of different Commanderies, thus lending their powerful influence to the gallant Knights who now hold our city by the bonds of friendship and good feeling. Many of the decorations were elegant. The Picayune greeted our guests with a warm welcome. The facade of the building was covered with festoons of evergreens and appropriate mottoes. The upper motto read, "Union, Justice and Confidence," a time honored sentiment, whose influence seems to be once more abroad in our land. Beneath this was the sign, "In hoc signo vinces," and under this, "Non nobis domine, non nobis sed nomine tuo da gloriam," and below, a sentiment echoed by all of our readers, "Welcome to the Knights Templar."

SOIREE DANSANTE.

As the darkness of evening began to gather over our city the climax of preparation for the opening festivities of the occasion was reached in hundreds of homes. Milliners and dressmakers were hurrying to and fro, carrying home the articles they had been engaged in making, and hair-dressers were at a premium. But if hair-dressers were scarce, how about carriages?—ah! the unlucky gallant who had neglected to engage his turn-out, was forced to take anything he could get, and pay any price the owner chose to ask.

We will here remark that as all invitations were complimentary, so all refreshments, profuse and rich as the supplies were, were furnished without money and without price.

AT GRUNEWALD HALL

the splendid banner of Jacques de Molay Commandery No. 2, floated across the streets, inviting a call from all who appreciate elegance and refinement. The hall had been beautifully prepared for the occasion. The broad entrance leading to the hall was festooned on either side with evergreen garlands, plants of rare quality were placed on each step of the stairs, and at the landing beautiful flowers greeted the visitor. The vestibule was a mass of elegant decorations. Around the hall the tents of the Knights and the flags of the order and different nations were arranged. On the orchestra gallery an elegant shield bears the coat of arms of the Commandery and the motto, "Fidei Defensor." The stage opposite was filled with rare plants, ornamental trees, flowers and the banners of the Commandery. The refreshment and supper rooms were also tastefully arranged and decorated. Everywhere the gentlemen of the Reception Committee were present to make their guests comfortable.

Those who visited the Jacques de Molay Commandery entered upon a scene which, for beauty, brilliancy and richness, far surpassed the dreams of Arabian fables. Women fair as hours, graceful as the wands of the weeping willow, and dressed in faultless costumes, swept round in the enchanting mazes of the dance, or promenaded the spacious hall, leaning on gay cavaliers, whose military bearing brought back to the mind the days

When tramp of steed and clang of arms
Were the gentlest signs of war's alarms,

and when stately dames approaching in beauty the ladies before us,

With tearless eye but mourning heart,
So proud, yet loth from their loves to part,
'Eroidered the pennant and wrought the glove,
With colors they hoped would still foremost prove.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL

was the headquarters of Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, and in right royal state did they receive their friends. The decorations commenced when you passed the iron portals of this temple of the muses, evergreens and beautiful trees decorated the stairs, and the landing above was a perfect grotto, irresistibly enchanting. But the gay throngs invited us within, where the tents were arranged around the hall, and flags of every nation, including the white field and beautiful thistle of old Scotia, hung over the scene. Every State in the Union was remembered in the inscriptions on the flags around the room. The musicians' gallery, besides other ornaments, was graced with a beautiful wreath, having in its centre the name of the Commandery. The upper room was handsomely decorated, and when we say that the viands were provided from the Richelieu restaurant, we need scarcely assure our readers that they were tempting in their display. The gentlemen of the Reception Committee acquitted themselves in splendid style.

Such a merry scene as greets us on entering is seldom equaled, and certainly never excelled. Cupid may be an old story, but he still has wings of enticing color to the young, and where could the flirtations of the gay be more appropriately carried on than in the tents of these brave Templars, or beneath the flags of all nations which flutter in the breeze. Gradually the circle enlarges until it takes in the comely matrons and well preserved beaux, and all unite in one grand merry scene. Here let us give a most excellent suggestion to his Majesty,

THE KING OF THE CARNIVAL,

made by Sir J. A. Peel, Eminent Commander of this Commandery. It is, that the invitations to the King's Own and other balls given under the sanction of his Majesty at Madi Gras, should entitle the holder to visit all of them. The great satisfaction given by this arrangement, adopted by the Knights Templar, where the card of one Commandery is good at all other Commandery entertainments, suggests that it would be equally adaptable and pleasant during his Majesty's reign. It gives a wider range to the invitations, and would greatly relieve the press for admission cards, which heretofore has been a great tax and annoyance to those who have had charge of that branch of his Majesty's affairs,

EXPOSITION HALL

was the scene of the great social reunion given by the Orleans Commandery No. 3, and to the Committee of Arrangements and Decoration, the highest credit is due for the excellent taste exhibited by them in the ornamentation of this vast building. In the center of St. Charles street in front of the edifice, a large, red cross was suspended, which, when illuminated at night, was one of the most striking and appropriate objects in this whole display. The entrance to the hall was covered with large American flags. The St. Charles street side was set apart for dancing, and was entirely plain, with the exception of the decoration of the musicians' gallery. This was really elegant. In large evergreen letters the following inscription was given: "Orleans Commandery No. 3, K. T., Greeting;" In the center of the gallery a splendid evergreen cross appeared, over which hung a splendid wreath of flowers. Two elegant national flags were draped in graceful folds from the gallery to the floor over the entrance to the Carondelet Hall, which was set apart for promenade and refreshments.

At 10 o'clock, this rear hall was thrown open, when a scene of oriental beauty met the guests, which elicited exclamations of surprise and pleasure. We scarcely know how to commence the description of this scene, so beautiful, elaborate and appropriate. Under the arches, on each side of the hall, the Knights' tents were arranged, and flags falling from the ceiling half obscured them from view. In these tents, tables and chairs were placed, and here, ices, sherbets, and other light refreshments were served to lady guests and their escorts. At the door of each tent rare plants were placed, with garlands and sweet natural flowers, in profusion. From the walls and ceiling innumerable flags were draped in graceful folds, and additional charm was lent to the scene by music of sweet toned canary birds, hid from the eye, but musical to the ear.

In the centre of the room a tiny Blake pump from the warehouse of Messrs. C. S. Hunt & Co., glittering with silver and almost buried in a mound of plants and flowers, furnished the water for the two fountains, on each side of it, whose variegated waters lent a magic charm to the place. The fountains themselves were imbedded in a mass of plants, shrubs and flowers almost elegantly arranged.

The plants, shrubs and floral decorations in this hall, were from the extensive gardens of Messrs. James E. Waldo & Co., proprietors of the St. Charles Nursery, whose city depot is at No. 122 Camp street, opposite Lafayette Square. The extent, variety and excellent arrangement, reflect the highest credit upon this old and well known firm.

At the farther end of this hall, in a recess, decked with natural flowers and surrounded by the banners of the order, a grand Maltese cross was displayed, surrounded with the mottoes, "Deo Duce, Ferro, Comitante." On the next floor, on Carondelet street, is the well arranged "easy room" of the Commandery. Here visiting Sir Knights will find all of the papers of the day, and they rae cordially invited to call and enjoy themselves.

In the front, or St. Charles street end, the supper was arranged on tables representing the triple cross. They were loaded with every delicacy of the season, prepared by experienced cooks, and making a most tempting array, to which the guests paid due attention.

It was a gay scene—a reunion which was enjoyed by all present.

Rare music, given by "those skilled in instruments," filled the air and inspirited the willing devotees of Terpsichore; hundreds of lights flashed their rays on jewels which reflected them enriched with their own precious coloring silks rustled; sweet subdued laughter mingled with the sound of manly voices; fans, used by beautiful hands, moved the scented air; the flowers of our own loved South adorned the walls and arches; evergreens wrought into garlands, wreaths and mottoes, expressive of welcome to our guests, decorated every appropriate place, and pervading the whole pageant was the glamour of friendship, unity and love.

When days and months have passed away
With care, and toils, and fears,
And time has drawn his fate-edged scythe
Across the life of years,
Bright memories of the scene will rise
And to the soul will cling,
Bright as the star of matin hour,
Sweet as the song of spring;
And looking o'er the traveled track,
A glow of cherished light,
Will ever shed a hallowed sheen
O'er friendships formed last night.

WEDNESDAY—ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL DAY—COURTESIES AND PLEASANTRIES.

The weather has been as balmy and pleasant this week as the most devoted friend of the Templars could wish. Bright, clear days, with starry nights, have aided in the festivities attendant upon the visit of the Knights, and given all a chance to enjoy themselves to their hearts content.

THE REED COMMANDERY.

At 9 o'clock yesterday morning, the elegant steamer Thos. Sherlock arrived at our Levee, having on board the Reed Commandery No. 6, of Dayton, Ohio; Sir Charles W. Chamberlain, Em. Commander; Sir D. C. Spinning, Generalissimo; Sir John W. Snanly, Captain General, with a large number of ladies and visiting Sir Knights, accompanied by the Knights Templar Band, W. H. Benson, leader.

On their arrival they were taken in charge by St. Louis Commandery, No. 1, and St. Aldemar Commandery, and escorted to the St. Charles Hotel. As these Commanderies marched through our streets, accompanied by Frank Boehm's band, there was but one opinion, and that cordially favorable, as to their knightly appearance and handsome movements.

HEADQUARTERS.

We visited last night the headquarters of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, in the rooms of the Orleans Dramatic Association. With the open-hearted hospitality proverbial of Old Kentucky, these gallant Knights receive and entertain their visitors. They are having a jolly time, and frequent drafts are made on a package of "Original Bourbon," which, though small to the eye, is said to never fail. Its age is set down at twenty years, and during all that time it has never run dry. We find the following celebrities at these headquarters:

Hiram Bassett, Acting Grand Commander.
H. C. Courtney, Past Grand Standard Bearer.
J. M. Terry, Grand Standard Bearer.
H. Fulton, Grand Warden.
Lew Apperson, Eminent Commander Montgomery Commandery.
Larne Thomas, Grand Senior Warden.
C. R. Woodruff, Grand Sword Bearer, G. C. U. S., P. G. C. of Ky.
Jacob Swiegert, Grand Captain General.
H. H. Neil, Grand Junior Warden.
B. T. Billingsley, Past Grand Standard Bearer.
Jacob Owen, Past Grand Commander of Kentucky.

VIRGINIA HEADQUARTERS.

The representatives from "Old Virginia" have established their headquarters at No. 138 Gravier street, up stairs. We are requested to invite all Sir Knights now in the city to call and register at these headquarters.

We take the following names from the Virginia roll book:

Peyton S. Coles, D. G., Commanding; James C. Bain, Gr. Cap. Gen.; James Moses, Gr. Sword Bearer; W. H. H. Lynn, Gr. Warden.
A. P. Abel, Commandery No. 3, Charlottesville, Va.
Peyton S. Coles, E. C.; J. J. Utz, Cap. Gen.
C. C. Wertenbacker, Gen.; J. W. Schribner, Sr. Warden; S. Comer, Jr. Warden; J. M. Daniel, C. R. C. Ackerly, Wm. Graham.

STEVENSON COMMANDERY NO. 8, OF STAUNTON, VA.

W. H. H. Lynn, E. C., J. Howard Wayt, P. H. Trout, A. S. Lava, W. J. Turner, A. A. Grubert, D. N. Bayley, B. T. Bayley, C. M. Dold, James Ker.

DEMOLAY COMMANDERY NO. 4, LYNCHBURG.

James Boyd, C. Gen.; Jas. S. Moss, Geo. M. Murrell, Jacob Shaner, Geo. P. Kinner, Jos. B. Anderson,

RICHMOND COMMANDERY NO. 2.

James B. Dupey, Henry Bohmer, G. A. Wallace, Robert Carruthers, John Frey.

GRICE COMMANDERY NO. 16, NORFOLK, VA.

M. H. Stern, Generalissimo; H. C. Whitehead, Sen. Warden; Fred Grunwood, R. T. James, Walter A. Edwards, John R. Todd, M. T. Cooke, Chas. H. Key.

CHRISTIANSBURG COMMANDERY, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA.

J. R. Johnson, E. C.; H. D. Wade, Gen.; J. E. Waddell, D. W. Frizzle, J. A. Shields, Jr., G. W. Fogg, A. H. Spindle, G. W. Lawson, S. A. McConkey, R. D. M. Charlton.

We are requested to state that Company Q meets daily at Virginia Headquarters. All members in good standing are invited to call and participate.

VISITS.

During the day, Hugh de Payens No. 29, of Carrollton, Ill., and St. Louis No. 1, under command of the Acting Grand Commander of Missouri, visited Odd Fellows', Exposition and Grunewald Halls. At Odd Fellows' Hall their visit was made the occasion of a pleasant exchange of sentiments; toasts were given and eloquently replied to.

Hon. Joseph P. Horner, Grand Commander of Louisiana, with his staff, and Sir Knight Andrew J. Kauffman, of Pennsylvania, and others visited the Jackson Barracks, in response to a courteous invitation from Col. DeLaney Floyd-Jones.

They were cordially received and a review of the troops ordered. The visitors were loud in their praises of the correct evolutions and military bearing of the soldiers. After the parade the party was shown through the quarters, where they found every thing in the best of order, perfectly clean and neat. The visitors then went out to the Levee, where two Gatling guns were exercised for their amusement and instruction. The band of the 3d Regiment, which has gained an enviable reputation for skill and good taste, gave a pleasing concert. The band is under the leadership of Henry Yeger, and one piece, the "Midnight Light Galop," instrumental and vocal, called forth great applause. The party was handsomely entertained and returned to the city much pleased with their visit.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

Yesterday one of the reporters of the Picayune visited the Shakespeare Club, on the corner of Baronne and Perdido street, which is now opened for the reception and entertainment of the Knights Templar and their friends in New Orleans. The club-room is elaborately and beautifully decorated with wreaths artistically suspended around the room, and appropriate flags hung in all directions. Above the bar is a semi-circular board elegantly trimmed with magnolia leaves, and upon which is inscribed, "Welcome." Below this board is a cross, with the skull and bones, and on the four corners of the cross the motto, "*In hoc signo vinces.*" Our reporter was received by the courteous and affable President of the club, Mr. W. C. Vaudry, who informed him that the doors of the club-room would be thrown open to all visitors during the stay of the Knights in New Orleans.

WELCOME VISITORS.

We acknowledge a pleasant call from E. E. Ainsworth, Grand King of Grand Chapter of Iowa, proxy for Past Grand Commander of Iowa, and E. M. Ford, of Temple Commandery, of Des Moines, Iowa. They are in excellent health and much pleased with their visit. We are also glad to meet Dr. H. J. Hammond, Austin, Texas, on a visit to our city.

Mr. Chas. S. Gleen, connected with the Columbus, Ohio, Gazette, arrived in this city this morning. He is a guest of the Reed Commandery of Dayton, Ohio.

We had the pleasure of a visit from that very energetic and agreeable gentleman and journalist, Mr. Boughman, of the firm of Boughman Bros., editors and proprietors of the Frederick (Md.) Citizen, a journal distinguished for its ability and devotion to the South.

We were pleased to form the acquaintance, last evening, of Sir Knight Wm. H. Mayo, of the St. Louis Times. We welcome our confrere to New Orleans, most cordially, both as brother of the quill and as visiting guest.

We acknowledge the compliment of a serenade by the splendid band accompanying the Reed Commandery No. 6, of Dayton, Ohio, which arrived yesterday on the steamer Thomas Sherlock.

We had the pleasure, yesterday of a visit from Dr. Wm. H. Egle and Mr. Chas. H. Bergner, of Harrisburg, and Col. Wm. H. Eagle, of Marietta, Penn. We trust our friends of the old Keystone State will enjoy themselves during their sojourn here, and return home with kindly memories of New Orleans.

We were favored yesterday with visits from the following gentlemen, whom we welcome to our city, and commend to the courtesy and hospitality of our people:

Sir Knight Jas. G. Hardy, Raper Commandery No. 1, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. J. P. Jones of the Toledo Blade.

Sir Dan McDonald, Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Indiana, and special correspondent of the Plymouth, Indiana, Democrat.

Mr. H. C. Shannon, of Laport, Ind.

Sir F. H. Foster, E. M. Commander, N. W. Commandery, of Meadville, Pa.

Mr. J. T. Odell, Superintendent A. and G. W. Railway, of Meadville, Pa.

Mr. J. Y. Potts, of the National Republican, Washington, D. C.

Sir C. R. C. Ackery, of A. P. Abell Commandery No. 3, correspondent of Charlottesville, Virginia, Chronicle.

Sir Walter A. Edwards, of Grice Commandery No. 13, and special reporter of the Norfolk (Va.) Landmark.

The two latter gentlemen have their headquarters at the Virginia delegation, No. 138 Gravier street.

We have been favored with a call from Mr. John Finzer, of the Five Brothers' Tobacco Works, Mr. H. W. Bohmer, of Messrs. Edinger, Gripp & Bohmer, A. J. Keightley, M. D., Mr T. Stern and Chas. Hager, Esq., all members of De Molay No. 12, of Louisville, Ky. These gallant Knights, and courteous and agreeable gentlemen, come to attend the Grand Convocation of the Templar Order, and express themselves well pleased with our city. We trust that their visit may ever remain a bright memory of social enjoyment to them.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS.

If the Knights Templar have met our welcome in the same frank and genuine spirit which animated us in extending it, they will freely pardon a reference to the affairs of the people, whose cherished guests they are, and whose warm friends we hope they may henceforth always be. We take it for granted that of so intelligent and representative body as is now assembled here from every quarter of our common country, there can scarcely be an individual who has not, during the past few months, given some thought to Louisiana and her troubles—who does not desire to know the truth for himself and take back to his distant home a faithful understanding of the circumstances out of which have grown so many and such grave events. And if it seem ungracious to intrude our skeletons upon the feast—to check the revelry while we recount our wrongs—there is ample extenuation in the plea that we would prove ourselves worthy entertainers of these honorable guests.

Fortunately, the story need not be a long one; the tree stands confessed and revealed in the fruits we gather from its branches. What better commentary could we make upon the law governing our elections than exists in the simple fact that to-day, one month after the casting of the vote, no one knows the result, or can undertake to estimate the character and composition of the Legislature to form which the election was especially designed! And of the Returning Board itself—at once the illustration and the condemnation of this law—how could its iniquity be shown more clearly than in the fact that it is sitting now to pronounce upon the legality of ballots cast thirty days ago, with power to hush the people's voice, and with responsibility to no tribunal in the land! These are things which one can only realize by actual contact. The gentlemen visiting our city might have read of them or heard of them a thousand times without ever comprehending, in its full sense, their ugly and revolting significance. Being present, they see for themselves and take home the meaning.

The 14th of September is fresh in everybody's memory. The whole nation saw how the Kellogg Government, conceived in violence and fraud, and brought forth by the bayonet, collapsed at the very touch of the people it had falsely pretended to represent. Nothing could conceal or explain away that miserable truth; nothing could lessen or impair its crushing significance. But did any one outside of Louisiana ever fully understand what sort of thing that Government was? It disappeared so suddenly, dissolved so utterly, that the deepest cunning of political alchemy could scarce arrest and analyze its elements. It lost itself in the army and was no more. The world knew it vaguely as an unclean and offensive thing; but the world never identified it, nor fully recognized its essential and inherent vice of character.

Yet there are memories, spectres, *revenants* of the departed. Our columns this morning chronicle the arrest of "Judge" Phillips, of Grant parish, on a charge of murder, and the trial of Judge Collin, of Lafourche, for violating his solemn oath as a commissioner of elections. Last week it was shown that one George C. Benham had practiced in the parish of Carroll every species of fraud, violence and treachery; and day before yesterday it was announced to the Returning Board that one Bean, the election officer of DeSoto, had gone to Washington City with the ballot-boxes and returns of his parish. All these men are creatures and products of that government which the 14th of September destroyed—fair samples of its nature, good average samples of its work—just as were the late officials of Plaquemines parish, whom a grand jury last month respectively indicted for robbery, defalcation, perjury, and every other form of crime and malefaction. The tree exists no longer. It was touched and it crumbled into powder which the wind scattered; but those who search where once its evil shadow fell, can still find some of its fruit cankered and rotting on the ground. There is another harvest—of taxation, poverty, business depression; a city that cannot pay the laborers who clean its streets, and the teachers who instruct its children; a State which has lost its credit at home and abroad, which cannot protect the citizen and will not punish the criminal, which fosters nothing that is good and represses nothing that is bad; but these things are not so palpable to the visitor—the felon's manacles and the robber's chains appeal more eloquently and speak more intelligibly than a dishonored statute book and a throttled commerce.

We have not called up this subject through any frivolous or unworthy motive. There is no political end in view, no purpose of revenge to serve. We speak in behalf and in vindication of a brave and gentle people, who have been unjustly and cruelly dealt with, whose wrongs have driven them to extremities, and whose misfortune it has been to be misunderstood. Do the Knights Templar think, can they suspect that the abundant hospitality lavished on them here hides one particle of insincerity or breath of sectional prejudice? Not so. The same bright and cordial welcome they have met, stands, and has always stood, ready for all the world. Thousands of Northern men, settled in every quarter of the State, have felt its warmth and will testify to its

honest cordiality. If we have manifested enmity, it has been toward vice; if we have shown intolerance, it has been for crime; if we have lifted up our hand, it was against outrage and indignity.

We have only outstretched arms and friendly hearts for those who come to us in faith and kindness. The greeting we give the Knights Templar now is but an earnest of what we offer all our brethren, however or whenever they choose to ask it at our hands. We speak for the whole people, and the whole people will make our pledges good.

RECEPTIONS.

The halls devoted for the time being to the services of our gallant Knights and their fair ladies, were all aglow with lights again last night, and the merry ringing laughter, mingled with sweet strains of music, made up the most enchanting scenes.

EXPOSITION HALL,

large as it is, was none too spacious to accommodate the immense crowds of visitors. We may here remark that this hall is kept open throughout the day for the accommodation of ladies and children who may wish to see the beautiful decorations.

During the evening De Molay Commandery No. 4, of Washington City; Sir Knight T. B. Patton, of Altoona, Penn., Chief Engineer of this fire department; Sir Knight Rich'd Young, Chief Engineer of fire department of Springfield, Ill.; Sir Knight Jed. Bain, ex-Chief Engineer of the fire department of St. Louis, and many other Sir Knights, visited the hall. Music and dancing made up a pleasant night. The promenade and refreshment room, with its fountains, flowers and musical canaries, was the main attraction.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

At this hall Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, received their friends, and the party was indeed a gay one. Troops of ladies and cavaliers were constantly going and coming, so that the scene was ever changing. Many of the visiting Commanderies called and were handsomely entertained by their friends of Indivisible.

The party lasted until a late, or rather early hour this morning.

GRUNEWALD HALL.

The enterprising gentlemen of Jacques de Molay Commandery had prepared quite a surprise for their friends, which was given in the shape of a very enjoyable concert. Some of the best voices of our city were heard, and the programme, which was admirably selected, was executed with charming effect. After the concert an enjoyable social reunion took place, which lasted until the "wee sma' hours."

STEAMBOAT GREAT REPUBLIC.

Here one of the gayest scenes of this very gay time greeted us. Crowds of ladies and gentleman, the elite of our city, mingled with the fair and brave of our sister city, and all went "merry as a marriage bell." During the evening the boat was visited by several Commanderies from shore, and the interchange of courtesies was pleasant and attractive. The splendid band furnished most excellent music, to which, gay couples mingled in the exhilarating steps of the dance. And so the scene went on, visitors constantly arriving and departing, and when we left at a very late hour, there was no abatement to the enjoyment. Taken all through, yesterday was a most delightful day.

THURSDAY.

The GRAND CONCLAVE was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. C. Waldo, Grand Prelate.

The most important business transacted was the triennial election of officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, which resulted as follows:

Sir Knight James Herron Hopkins, Pittsburgh, Pa., Grand Master.

Sir Knight Vincent L. Hurlbut, M. D., Chicago, Ill., Deputy Grand Master.

Sir Knight Walter L. Bragg, Montgomery, Ala., Grand Generalissimo.

Sir Knight Edward T. Schultz, Baltimore, Md., Grand Captain General.

Sir Knight Benton H. Langley, Winona, Minn., Grand Sen. Warden.

Sir Knight Charles Reinker Woodruff, Louisville, Ky., Grand Jun. Warden.

Sir Knight John W. Simons, New York, Grand Treasurer.

Sir Knight Theo. S. Parvin, Iowa City, Iowa, Grand Recorder.

Sir Knight Joseph P. Hornor, New Orleans, Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir Knight John H. Brown, Kansas, Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir Knight J. W. Fellows, New Hampshire, Grand Warder.

HEADQUARTERS.

At the headquarters of Sir Joseph P. Hornor, Grand Commander of the State of Louisiana, yesterday, there was little of interest transpiring except the preparations for the Grand Parade of to-day.

We were pleased to meet here our old friend Col. J. L. Power, one of the editors of the Clarion, Jackson, Miss., a gentleman thoroughly imbued with the spirit of progress, and an earnest worker in all enterprises for the public good. Col. Power is Grand Recorder and Grand Secretary of all the Masonic bodies of Mississippi. We regret to see him in ill health, and trust that his visit may not only be a pleasant social recreation, but tend to improve him physically.

At the headquarters of the Virginia delegation, 138 Gravier street, the day was made lively by frequent calls from Sir Knights from other States. We need not add that the Virginians proved themselves good hosts, and that all callers were handsomely entertained. About 11 o'clock a business meeting of Company Q was held, which was strictly private. We learn that there was quite a lively contest over the claims to membership, and Sir Knight Peyton S. Coles having given a decision unfavorable to some claimants, the whole question was referred to the "jolly infant" of Kentucky, which occasioned an adjournment to the headquarters of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, in the rooms of the Orleans Dramatic Association. Here there was a merry time also, and all visitors, including the disputants of Company Q, were entertained in such a royal manner that all differences of opinion were smothered over, and the company applied themselves to the task of emptying that inexhaustible barrel, over which the infant of Kentucky presided with so much suavity and good humor.

A pleasant company gathered at Room 25, St. Charles Hotel, the headquarters of the Maryland Grand Commandery, which is under command of Grand Captain General H. W. Marston, Sir Knight J. Madison Case, of the U. S. revenue cutter Dix, performed escort duty at these headquarters, and all visitors found themselves in good hands.

Referring to the excursion tickets granted to the Knights by the railroads, Sir Charles Lyman, one of the most courteous and pleasant officers of the Jackson Railroad, said that he had been asked by a Knight from Massachu-

setts to have his ticket extended for fifteen days. Charley replied, "No use, my dear sir, if we let you stay here that long, you will be so charmed with the place that you will never go home."

The visit of the Templars will soon be over, and despite the arduous duties devolving upon our Sir Knights, keeping them out on duty for days at a time, it will ever remain a bright memory to one and all. Speaking of these duties, Sir Knight DeWitt, Peck, as pleasant and courteous a gentleman as the order can boast of, said, "Well, gentlemen, we started in to make your stay a pleasant one, and we'll do it if we know how, and then—we'll go home and get acquainted with our families."

At Marschal's Restaurant, on Natchez street, the gallant Sir Knights of Rosalie Commandery No. 5, of our sister city Natchez, received their visitors in a hospitable manner.

VISITS.

The Picayune acknowledges the pleasure of a call from Sir Knights John Best, Lancaster Commandery No. 13, Lancaster, Pa., Sam. B. Rees, Kedron Commandery 18, of Greensburg, Pa., W. B. Schrier R. R. Carson, of St. Johns Commandery 24, of Logansport, Ind., Hon. J. B. Mayham, Mayor of the city of Murphysboro, Ill., and R. A. D. Wilbanks, Clerk Supreme Court, Mount Vernon, Ill., both members of Cyrene Commandery, of Centralia, Ill. We were also favored with a call by Sir Knights B. F. J. Hanna, E. C., of Ascalon Commandery No. 6, of Kansas. Mr. Hanna is editor of the Herald, of Salina, Kansas, one of the most popular journals of the West. He is here as the proxy of the Grand Generalissimo of Kansas.

During the day we received a visit from Sir Knights H. C. Davison and Steve Beasley, of the Montgomery Commandery, No. 4 of Montgomery, Ala. They are in splendid health, and we are pleased to know have enjoyed their visit.

A pleasant incident occurred on the visit of the Virginia Knights to Orleans Commandery No. 3. After the usual formalities of reception, Sir James G. Bain, Grand Captain General of Virginia, presented the Orleans Commandery with a beautifully wrought gavel made from the Confederate ram Merrimac. The gavel was received with a few felicitous remarks by Sir Wm. L. Stanford, E. C., of Orleans Commandery, and E. Grand Captain General of Louisiana.

On Thursday, December—, Jacques de Molay concluded to spend a portion of the day, in paying visits to the various Commanderies from other States. At about 11 o'clock, the Commandery with its fine band, led by Spohrer, left Grunewald Hall, and commenced the rounds. Nearly all the various headquarters were visited, and at several of them long halts were made. On arriving at the rooms of the Orleans Dramatic Association, where the Kentucky Knights were made "at home," quite a large number was found present to receive De Molay with all the usual honors. While the bodies were drawn up in line, Eminent Commander Cree, of De Molay, requested Sir Knight Braughn to "say something" on behalf of his Commandery to the Grand Commandery of Kentucky. This the eloquent Sir Knight did, in a manner, to cause the Commander of Louisville Commandery to say that their "talking man" had been left at home, and that they had none with them that could do justice to the beautiful sentiments expressed by Sir Knight Braughn. On this occasion the "Kentucky Infant," Sir Knight P. C. Charley Billingsbey, he of "the slippery orange peel," made himself conspicuous in entertaining Kentucky's guests.

At the Virginia headquarters, another halt was made, and at an opportune moment, for the Virginia Knights were assembled in full force, with their band, about to start out on the same agreeable duty, that Jacques de Molay had come to perform. Here the true and practical courtesy was practised in the most knightly manner. Virginia and Louisiana were for the moment, united; the bands played alternately, and an hour was spent in the most happy, social reunion. Although the signal for departure was given, the Virginia Knights "in line" on one side of the large apartment, and those

of Jacques de Molay upon the other, both at an "inward face." The reception of the Virginians had been so enthusiastic and cordial, that Commander Cree, before retiring, again called upon his spokesman, "Sir Knight (our Junior Warden) Braughn," to express the sentiments of his Commandery. This the Sir Knight did, in the most feeling and elegant manner. Evidently moved by the glorious recollections that cluster around Virginia, he thrilled every heart, and brought many a tear to the eyes of valiant Knights that are unused to the melting mood. He paid most beautiful tributes to "the Mother of Presidents," her beautiful women and chivalrous men. He dwelt upon the many historic legends that cement Virginia so thoroughly with the past, and with reverence, spoke of her Washington, Jefferson, and of her glorious Lee,—of the many battle-fields, where, side by side, the bones of so many heroes lie; that, clad in the grey and the blue, fell in the cause they had espoused. The effort of Sir Knight Braughn, although extemporaneous, was beautiful, chaste and brilliant, and contributed a bright epoch to the Virginia Knights.

The following are the officers of Terre Haute Commandery No. 16, of Terre Haute, Ind.; A. Thomas, E. C.; F. C. Crawford, Gen'l; and Robert Van Valzah, C. G.

BALDWIN II COMMANDERY NO. 2.

This strong lodge, belonging to Williamsport, Pa., is represented by Sir Knights D. W. Smith, T. Gucker, H. T. Brook, Chas. Hagan and Addis McVeagh.

OHIO DELEGATION.

The Sir Knights representing the various Ohio Commanderies in this city, held a meeting Thursday and resolved upon an organization that would enable the Ohio Knights to turn out properly, and be able fairly to contend for the prize for the best drilling. A dozen or so Commanderies were represented. It was resolved to organize these into a company or commandery, to be called the "Ohio Delegation."

The following officers *pro tem.* for this organization only, were elected.

Ed. Morrell, E. C., Mount Vernon No. 1.

W. J. Walker, Generalissimo, Toledo, No. 7.

A. F. Fauce, C. G., Raper No. 19.

R. Warriner, S. W., Toledo No. 7.

C. M. Ammal, J. R., Mount Vernon, No. 1.

A committee was appointed to obtain a flag, and make all the necessary preparations for the procession.

The Ohio Delegation will meet again at Masonic Hall, Friday morning, when all Ohio Sir Knights are invited to attend, to perfect its organization.

Ohio will then be represented by two Commanderies, Reed No. 6, of Dayton, Ohio, and the "Ohio Delegation."

EXCURSION DOWN THE COAST.

Yesterday, at 1 o'clock, as per announcement, the steamer Great Republic left her wharf foot of Gravier street, for an excursion down the coast, to visit some sugar plantations. As early as 12 o'clock the crowd commenced gathering, and by the time the boat left there were at least three thousand persons on board, many of whom were ladies. The excursionists were mostly composed of visiting Knights Templar, who were anxious to view the process of sugar making. The boat proceeded down as far as the St. Clair place, owned and worked by Mr. George Garr, near the English Turn, where the gay steamer rounded to and a raid was made on the place by the eager crowd, who left no stone unturned to ascertain the whole procedure.

Sugar-cane, oranges and sugar were freely partaken of by all, the ladies seeming to be as much delighted as possible, and every one seemed to enjoy

themselves so much, that many expressions of regret were heard at parting. The boat next steamed down to the Starsdale Place, worked by Mr. N. P. Kernoshan, a short distance below the former plantation, but all had so fully satisfied themselves previously, that but very few left the boat at this place. Our reporter had the pleasure of meeting E. Sir James F. Aglar, Past Grand Commander of Missouri, and now Eminent Commander of Ascalon Commandery, No. 16, of St. Louis; Sir Geo. J. Goodwin, Generalissimo of the same Commandery, and Sir Knight Robert B. Smith, of Alton, and Past Commander of Belvidier Commandery No. 2, Illinois, who displayed a magnificent solid gold belt, beautifully chased and engraved, and presented by a friend, and is one of the finest pieces of workmanship we have ever seen.

The trip was enlivened by stirring strains of delightful music from Postlewaite brass band, which accompanies the Ascalon Commandery, and is said to be one of the finest in the country. Our citizens will have the pleasure of hearing it in the parade to-day. Our thanks are due to Capt. W. F. Thorwegan, Sir Knight Geo. J. Goodwin and Capt. W. S. Bassett, for courtesies. The Republic reached her wharf about 8 o'clock, and many were the wishes that such another opportunity would be offered for as nice a time. To say that everybody was satisfied, would not express the feelings of those who participated.

GRAND EXCURSION AND PRESENTATION OF THE REED COMMANDERY, OF DAYTON, OHIO.

The magnificent steamer Thomas Sherlock, arrived in our port Wednesday, 2d inst., having aboard the Reed Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen, on an excursion to our Crescent City. A grand presentation took place yesterday evening, at 1 o'clock, on the steamer, where the parlor had been elegantly decorated for the occasion, and a magnificent repast spread for the visiting Sir Knights and ladies. Around the table presided over by Eminent Grand Commander of the State of Ohio, Sir Knight E. T. Carson, and which was elaborately decorated with the rarest of flowers and magnificent baskets of fruit, systematically disposed, and covered with all the delicacies that would have satisfied the palate of an epicure, were the Sir Knights in full array, with their plumes and medals, and the lady excursionists from the West, so renowned for their beauty, whose fair complexions and blooming faces among the flowers ornamenting the table, composed as beautiful a tableaux as ever was beheld. The presentation was made on behalf of Reed Commandery and the visiting Sir Knights and ladies, by Sir Knight C. C. Kiefer, Past Deputy Grand Commander of the State of Ohio, in a very neat speech, and responded to by Capt. H. U. Hart, of the Sherlock. The guests then took their seats around the elegantly dressed table to enjoy the magnificent feast prepared for the occasion. During the whole repast the guests were agreeably entertained by the Knights Templars' band, under the masterly leadership of Sir Knight W. H. Bussard, performing with admirable preciseness, selections from the leading musical composers.

The entertainment was one of the most social, and at the same time one of the most complete we have seen; appearing almost fairy like from the grand display of superb toilets and elaborate ornaments.

SERENADES.

Last evening the bands of the different Commanderies were out serenading their friends. The bands of Ascalon Commandery and the band of the Cairo Commandery called at the residence of Hon. Joseph P. Hornor, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, and treated him to a delightful serenade.

The Picayune acknowledges the compliment of a serenade last night by the Postlewaite Band of Ascalon Commandery, and a pleasant call from J. F. Aglar, Esq., Past Grand Commander of Missouri, Eminent Commander, to

whose excellent taste and management our citizens are indebted for the very brilliant reception and soiree dansante which took place on the Great Republic Wednesday evening. The Postlewaite Band of Ascalon Commandery are contributing greatly to the enjoyment of this knightly occasion by their excellent music, which it is at all times a delight and a privilege to hear.

We publish with pleasure the following correspondence:

MAGNOLIA PLANTATION, December 1, 1874.

To the Sir Knights of Massachusetts, now in New Orleans:

Sirs—Honoring the humanity and fraternity that have ever been the characteristics of your noble order, and appreciating the prompt and magnificent aid rendered by the people of Boston and the State of Massachusetts to the people of Louisiana when suffering from the late overflow.

I desire to contribute something to the entertainment of your body while in the Crescent City, and would be pleased at such time as you may designate to receive you and your friends at the Magnolia Plantation, to witness the operation of sugar-making, now in full progress on plantation.

My necessary individual supervision at this period, alone prevents my tendering this invitation in person.

Very respectfully yours,

E. LAWRENCE.

NEW ORLEANS, December 3, 1874.

E. Lawrence, Esq., Magnolia Plantation, etc.:

Dear Sir—Your courteous note of December 1st, is hereby acknowledged with appreciation.

As citizens, and especially as Knights Templars of Massachusetts, we are grateful, if our people have in any small degree contributed to promote the comfort of those of Louisiana.

Humanity is not confined to any locality; its deeds are equally lustrous with you as with us; its recognition is honorable in all times and places; its practice is a pleasant duty, the more becoming when gracefully performed.

We thank you for your compliment, and would be pleased to accept your invitation had we not arranged for a similar visit elsewhere.

Yours, truly,

ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.

Grand Recorder for the delegation from Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

RECEPTIONS.

The elegant entertainments organized by our local Sir Knights for their visiting brethren were continued last night with unflagging pleasure and zeal.

EXPOSITION HALL

was early visited by large numbers of the devotees of pleasure, and the dance was begun to the enlivening strains of the band engaged by Orleans Commandery No. 3, who seem never to tire of catering to the wants of their guests. Those who did not join in the dance were amply repaid for their visit by a promenade through the tented hall which is the "admired of all admirers."

GRUNEWALD HALL.

Under the banner of Jacques De Molay the pleasure seekers passed, to enter upon a scene full of enchantment. The handsomely arranged decorations, the charming music of the band and the careful attentions of the gentlemen of the Reception Committee made this a desirable haven throughout the evening. The elegantly decorated hall was crowded until a late hour by splendidly dressed ladies and gay cavaliers, and there was a universal expression of satisfaction with the admirable arrangements of this crack corps.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

The splendid triangle and cross of gas jets, with handsomely arranged lights, clothed the front of this building with a flood of light, a beacon to those who

would drown the cares and anxieties of life amid the scenes of pleasure and refinement prepared by Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1. The hall was thronged throughout the evening, and we have never seen a more delighted assemblage.

This evening, Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, give their final entertainment and farewell reception to the visiting Sir Knights, and all who hold invitations are cordially requested to attend. The entertainments already given have been so brilliant and enjoyable that we have no doubt all will avail themselves of this closing opportunity for social pleasure.

THE LAST DAY.

To-day the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar will close with a parade, which for numbers, splendor of equipments and banners, and excellence of movements, has probably never before been equaled in our city. The following is the

LINE OF MARCH.

St. Charles street to First, to Magazine to Calliope, to Camp to north side Canal, to Royal to Esplanade, to Chartres to St. Louis, to Peters to south side of Canal, to Carondelet to Gravier, when the several Commanderies will break off to their quarters or elsewhere.

Every Commandery will be on the *qui vive* to make the best possible display, as the movements of to-day are to decide to which Commandery shall belong the honor of carrying off the splendid prize offered by the Louisiana Jockey Club. That the streets along the line of march will be filled with eager spectators and the residences and stores handsomely decorated we have no doubt.

WELCOME VISITORS.

Our sanctum was graced last evening by the presence of those genial and accomplished gentlemen, Sir Knights J. P. Jones, manager of the Toledo, Ohio, Blade—a vigorous and successful journal—R. H. Warriner, a prosperous merchant; H. E. O'Hagan, of Sandusky, Ohio, one of the heaviest operators on the lake, (a gentleman of infinite humor and jest), and L. B. Curtis, the well known cashier of the Knox County National Bank, Mount Vernon. The latter is the Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. We were much pleased to meet them, and hope that before their departure from this city they will favor us with another call. Indeed, we will be glad to see them again.

We were glad to receive a visit yesterday from Dr. T. J. Moore, proprietor of the Avenue Hotel, at Austin, Texas, who is now in this city attending the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The Doctor belongs to the Colorado Commandery No. 4, Austin, Texas.

We had the pleasure, yesterday, of a call from Sirs N. R. Pinney and Samuel G. Owen, from Lincoln, Nebraska, the latter gentleman being President of the National Bank in that city. Both gentlemen are visiting our city with the Knights Templar, and express themselves much pleased with our people.

Sir Emmet D. Craig, 33°, of this city, called on us last evening, bringing with him and introducing Sir Andrew H. Hamilton, 32°, Grand Commander of Fort Wayne Commandery, of Indiana, and delegate to the Grand Triennial Encampment, now in session here.

The former of these gentlemen is well known to our people as the United States Commissioner, who has been sitting in judgment upon and meeting out such impartial justice to the various official culprits of the period, and Mr. Hamilton has quite recently been chosen by his fellow-citizens of the Fort Wayne (Twelfth) District of Indiana, as their representative in the next Congress of the United States. In all their respective capacities they were welcome visitors at the Picayune office.

FRIDAY.

The Great Gala Day—The Last Day of the Triennial Encampment—Grand Procession the Knights—Representatives from Every State in Line—Awarding of the Jockey Club Testimonial—St. Louis the Champion—Closing Scenes of the Gala Week—The Illuminations and Decorations—Farewell Balls, Festivities, Etc., Etc., Etc.

Our friends in the adjacent country, who could not come into the city to witness the parade of the Grand and Subordinate Commanderies Knights Templar of the United States, yesterday, missed a truly magnificent sight.

THE WEATHER

was all that could have been wished—a warm, balmy day, with just enough breeze to make it pleasant, and a cloudless sky, from which old Sol looked down with bright but not too amorous rays. Last week we remember that many of our citizens, while wishing for rain, shook their heads sadly and said: "No rain this week, but next week, when the Knights Templar are here, we'll catch it." But, fortunately, these weather sages were wrong. The whole time has been pleasant, and yesterday was a magnificent ending to a right royal week.

THE THROGGED STREETS.

At an early hour people began to take positions on the line of march, and there patiently await the column of the brave and stalwart men who had honored our city with their Nineteenth Triennial Session. We have seen crowds in our city before, but none that could excel in numbers or intensity of interest the masses who lined our streets yesterday, to see and do honor to the army of Knights Templar. Windows were filled with eager faces, galleries groaned beneath the loads of fair ladies and anxious children, the doorways and steps were occupied and long rows of people lined the sidewalks, in many places extending far into the streets. Every imaginable vehicle, from the elegant carriage of the millionaire, to the lumbering market wagon, had been brought into requisition and placed in the cross streets, so that their occupants could obtain view of the passing pageant, to witness which, fully 50,000 people had gathered along the line.

CANAL STREET

was, of course, the principal point of attraction. It is the great artery of our city, around which everything of interest on gala days gathers with stronger force than in any other place. On this broad and elegant avenue the various sections of the procession were to form, and multitudes hastened thither to witness the evolutions of the Sir Knights as they fell into line. As Commandery after Commandery came on to the ground, those who were present began to realize what a truly magnificent demonstration they were to witness. The erect and noble forms of the men, the air of refinement and cultivation which characterized them, their martial tread and perfection in military movements, gave a charm to the scene which could not have belonged to any but the best and noblest in the land. They were not only an army of freemen, but their bearing told that they knew what freedom meant, and were not only willing to fight for it, but also understood its blessings.

Our visitors have been with us, most of them, for five days—some of them longer—and we have heard from them none but the warmest expressions of gratification at the cordial and generous hospitality they have met, not alone from those of their own order, but from our citizens generally. Their stay with us has been a round of ovations, which our people have been as happy in

giving as their visitors could have been gratified in receiving. The parade of yesterday and the festivities of the night closed the Grand Encampment in our city, and our local Commanderies will soon be busy escorting their guests to the different routes by which they are to return to their homes. We regret to part with them; their visit, and the kindly greetings and brilliant gatherings which have attended it, have been a relief to the monotony of a long and oppressive stagnation in commerce. They leave us, and we trust that they will take with them to every part of our country a better knowledge of the true character of our people, that will tend to restore the old fellowship of national pride and fraternal feeling, which will bring our people throughout the Republic to a unity in aims and purposes.

THE LINE FORMING.

made a very interesting scene which will long be remembered by those who witnessed it. The grand and inspiring music from so many bands, many of a national reputation, the very bright and elegant uniforms of the Knights Templar, the magnificent banners of the Order, together with the hurrying to and fro of messengers, kept up the deepest interest in the movements of the Knights.

THE PROCESSION.

FIRST DIVISION.

A straggling line of Uhlan mounted police led the way, but hardly cleared the street sufficiently. In many of the more nice and difficult military movements the Commanderies found themselves greatly inconvenienced by the crowd that, zealous and anxious to see everything, pressed close upon them.

The First Division of Knights Templar was led by Sir E. E. Adams, A. G. S. W. of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana.

After the leader came the Military Band of the 3d U. S. Regiment, the finest in the procession, whose military music enlivened and cheered the many people assembled, and seemed to infuse a military feeling and ardor into all.

The first of the Knights Templars proper was the Grand Commandery of Louisiana, accompanied by his staff. As hosts the members of the Commandery led the way and escorted the various delegations that were present from other States.

The Officers of the Grand Commandery and Staff of the Grand Commander, Sir Joseph P. Hornor, were: Samuel M. Todd, P. G. C.; Rich. Lambert, P. G. C.; Joseph H. DeGrange, P. G. C.; Jno. A. Peel, D. G. C.; Rufus L. Bruce, G. G.; John A. Stevenson, P. G. C.; Sir Albert Baldwin, Sir Livingston H. Gardner, Sir Alf. H. Isaacson, Sir James Wallace, Sir R. E. Rivers. Wm. L. Stanford, G. C. G.; H. Carpenter, G. P.; Chas. R. Woodruff, P. G. C. Ky.; Lieut. Reed, U. S. A.; Maj. E. A. Burke.

These Sir Knights all rode slowly by. Their horses were evidently fully drilled, and kept time with their feet. The Knights, however, having devolved upon them all the duties of hospitality, and having to make way for those who followed, had little time to display their drill or skill in cavalry manœuvres.

After the Grand Commandery of Louisiana came the Mississippi Commanderies, which were united with the Louisiana Sir Knights. The three Mississippi Commanderies being such near neighbors of ours, kindly tendered their services to act as guards of escort to the Knights arriving from other States.

For this reason they were given a post at the head of the Louisiana Delegation.

The first of these was Mississippi No. 1, of Jackson Miss., into whose ranks, however, were drawn Sir Knights of Mary No. 14, of Columbus, Holly Springs No. 4, and Sir Knights from Meridian and other parts of Mississippi: P. L. Saunders, E. C.; George S. Green, Gen.; Harris Barksdale, C. G.; Wm. J. Brown, J. R.; H. M. Taylor, G. T.; M. F. Ash, S. W.; George S. Yerger, S. B.; Edgard Lea, P. G. C.

After these came Magnolia No. 2, of Vicksburg, with recruits from Rosalie No. 5, of Natchez, Kosciusko No. 11, of Jackson, St. Cyr No. 6, and other Mississippi Commanderies. The Commandery was quite full, numbering some sixty Sir Knights. Wm. A. Fairchild, E. C.

Close upon these came the Louisiana Commanderies, which were quite full, from the fact that they were at home, and consequently able to turn out a full complement of Sir Knights.

The Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, the first organized in Louisiana in 1819, led the Louisiana Brigade, about eighty men strong.

The "Friends" marched in a wide column of six, and bore the ordinary genuine flag of the Templars, a simple white banner emblazoned with a red cross. Berry Russel, A. E. C.

The Jacques De Molay Commandery No. 2 followed, and carrying the same kind of flag. Harvey Cree, E. C.

Orleans No. 3, which has given such splendid entertainment at the Exposition Hall, was the last of the Louisiana Commanderies, and numbered about one hundred. John W. Madden, A. E. C.

The first post after the Louisiana Commanderies, guard of escort to the procession, was given to the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which two States together form but one Grand Commandery. Neither Massachusetts nor Rhode Island were very fully represented, and the officers of the Grand Commanderies were escorted by only about fifteen Sir Knights from Boston, Abingdon and other places.

The Grand Commandery of New York, A. E. Lytle, G. C.; John W. Latiens, A. C. G.; J. Tardey, D. G. C.; John Perry, G. C. G.; John L. Saye, G. S. W.; Charles A. Beckley, G. J. W.; H. H. Howard, G. S. W. B.; Dan Sickles, D. G. C. These were escorted by about twenty Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, and from the Hugh de Payens Commandery of Buffalo and Clinton No. 18.

The Grice No. 16 Commandery of Norfolk, Va., came next with a splendid band. The Grice Commandery was evidently a contestant for the prize, and had the Commandery been a little stronger, it would certainly have been among the first.

The Officers were M. H. Sterns, Gen.; H. C. Whitehead, S. W.; Fred. Greenwood, R. S.

The Grand Commandery of Virginia was escorted by a large number of Sir Knights from Stevenson No. 8, of Staunton, W. H. H. Dynn, E. C.; Richmond No. 2, of Richmond, James B. Dupey, E. C.; Christiansburg Commandery, J. R. Johnson, E. C., and Charlottesville No. 3, A. P. Abel, E. C. The Grand Commandery consisted of the following officers: Peyton S. Coles, D. G. C.; James G. Bain, G. C. G.; James Moses, G. S. W. B.; W. H. H. Lynn, G. W.

The Grand Commandery of Connecticut ended the First Division: Nathan Dickman, C. G.; John G. Korl, D. G. C.; Thomas H. Totten, G. G.; Henry Woodward, G. C. G.

SECOND DIVISION.

Sir Zebulon M. Pike, Grand Junior Warden for Louisiana, led the Second Division, with music from the Knights Templar Band of Dayton, Ohio; a band of at least forty pieces, and whose members were dressed in a rich, red and blue uniform.

The Grand Commandery of Ohio was first in line: E. T. Carson, G. C.; E. Brown, D. G. C.; L. B. Curtis, G. S. W.; D. B. Babcock, G. G.; James Nesbitt, G. R.

Reed Commandery No. 6, of Dayton, Ohio, the champion Commandery of that State, followed next, some sixty strong, in the form of a cross, dropping into files of six as they passed the St. Charles Hotel. Charles W. Chamberlain, E. C.; D. C. Spinning, Gen.; Jno. W. Snarely, G. C.; C. C. Keefer, P.; John W. Bell, J. W.; W. H. Martin, St. B.; D. B. Martin, A. B.; Allen Seffers, Warden.

The Ohio Delegation followed, composed of Knights from various Ohio Commanderies—Erie No. 23, of Sandusky, Oriental No. 13, of Cleveland; Raper No. 19, Mt. Vernon No. 1; Toledo No. 7, and others—which perfected a temporary organization, as follows: Ed. Morrill, Mt. Vernon No. 1, E. C.; W. J. Walker, Toledo No. 7, Gen.; A. F. France, Raper No. 19, C. G.; W. Warriner, Toledo No. 7, S. W.; C. M. Ammal, Mt. Vernon No. 1, Jr. W. The Ohio Delegation, from its hasty organization, labored of course, under disadvantages, yet it marched with very fair skill.

The Grand Commandery of Kentucky came next, with a beautiful flag of red, green and gold, representing a Knight Templar charging on in combat. The Grand Commandery is; Hiram Bassett, P. G. C.; Jacob Swiegert, G. C. G.; J. Owen, P. G. C.; Larne Thomas, G. S. W., H. Fulton, G. W.; H. H. Neal, G. W. W.; H. C. Courtney, P. G. S. B.; C. R. Woodruff, G. S. B.; Wm. Terry, G. St. B.

These were accompanied by members from Covington 10, Robertson 9, De Molay 12, and the Montgomery Commandery of Mount Sterling.

Next came the champions of the evening, Louisville No. 1. It was evidently between that organization and the St. Louis Commanderies that the prizes lay. Louisville No. 1 was composed of a fine looking body of men, few of them under six feet, and all of them stout with fine military appearance. As the Commandery passed the Kentucky headquarters its members saluted the many ladies there, and again, when passing the statue of Henry Clay, Kentucky's great son, the Commandery suddenly changed from a cross into files of six, then into a straight phalanx and saluted "Clay." If the statute did not answer, the ladies and all present replied in loud applause to this well executed and graceful movement.

It was universally agreed that Louisville No. 1 was the second best company at the drill, and at quick military movements; it was doubtful whether it did not hold the first place. Chas. E. Billingsly, E. C.

The Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, numbering 128 Sir Knights, together with Sir Knights from various Pennsylvania Commanderies, De Molay No. 9, St. John No. 20, Norristown No. 22, Grand Bend No. 27, Baldwin No. 2, Kadosh No. 28 of Philadelphia, Alleghany No. 35, Hutchinson No. 32, and Tancered No. 48 of Pittsburg.

The Commandery was, indeed, a grand body of men, but showed little disposition to drill; indeed, it fell off considerably in its march and dwindled down to less than fifty. The officers are: John H. Dusenbury, G. C.; Charles H. Kingston, D. G. C.; Andrew J. Kaufman, G. G.; William H. Egle, G. C. G.; Samuel B. Dick, G. S. W.; P. S. Gobin, G. Jr. W.; William H. Eagle, G. S. B.; S. S. Childs, G. C. G.; John Routh, G. S.; Charles Eugene Meyer, G. R.; John L. Young, G. T.

These Sir Knights ended the second division of the procession.

THIRD DIVISION.

The Third Division was led by Sir D. W. C. Peck, Grand Standard Bearer, and the Grand Commandery of Indiana; Andrew H. Hamilton, G. C.; Geo. Chas. Craft, P. G. C.; Chas. S. Brackenridge, G. W. R. G. G.; Alex. Thomas, G. S. W.; John Parrott, R. G. C. G.

Sir Knights from Baldwin No. 2, Fort Wayne No. 4, New Albany No. 5, Cambridge City No. 9, Greencastle No. 21, Wm. H. Lewis No. 13, Columbus No. 14 and La Villet, of Evansville No. 18, escorted them.

The Terre Haute Commandery No. 16, was the largest Indiana Commandery here, and marched separately, numbering fifty Sir Knights. A. Thomas, E. C.; F. C. Crawford, Gen.

With them marched quite a number of Knights from St. John No. 24, from Logansport: S. B. Richardson, E. C. The Logansport Commandery is the youngest in the State, but one of the most promising.

After these came the following Grand Commanderies from States which had no individual Commanderies to represent them:

Grand Commandery of Texas, B. R. Richardson, G. C.; G. G. Bower, D. G. C.; S. A. Owens, Gen.; J. B. Sorley, P. G. C.

These were accompanied by members from Galveston No. 2, and Waco No. 10.

Grand Commandery of Michigan, L. H. Randall, G. C.; C. F. Hills, D. G. C.; S. C. Kendall, G. G.; J. A. Wells, Pr. C. G.

Quite a number of delegates accompanied these from De Molay No. 5, Jackson No. 6, Gen. Valley No. 15, Columbia No. 18, Pilgrim No. 28, Three Rivers No. 29, Bay City No. 26, Monroe No. 19, Muskegon No. 23.

The Sturgis Michigan Commandery, some 40 strong, brought up the rear of the Michigan delegation.

The Grand Commandery of Mississippi followed next; T. M. Savegy, G. C.; G. W. Cox, W. G. C.; Oliver Clifton, G. G.; W. G. Paxton, G. G. C.; T. L. Bauer, G. R.; H. M. Taylor, G. T.; H. E. O'Reilly, G. C. of G.

The Illinois Commanderies came next, forming, perhaps, the largest delegation from any State. The Grand Commandery of Illinois led, followed by Elwood Commandery No. 6 of Springfield.

Led by the Cairo band, some thirty musicians, came Cairo No. 13, bearing a beautiful banner, pure white. Vincent L. Hurlbut, E. C.

Next came the following Illinois Commanderies, all very strongly represented:

Chicago No. 19; about sixty strong.

Hugh de Payens No. 29; about forty strong.

Hospitaller No. 19; J. B. Moulton, P. E. C.; C. Armstrong, C. G.; Jno. Hill, J. W.; H. T. Lerderling, A. T. G.; C. W. Keely, C. G.

FOURTH DIVISION.

Sir Andrew Hero, Jr., Grand Sword Bearer, led the Fourth Division.

The Tennessee Sir Knights, from all portions of the State, marched in this division, followed by the grand officers of the Grand Commandery; Norton B. Howell, G. C.; Wm. Aikens, D. G. C.; Edward Worsham, G. C. G.; G. C. Connor, G. G.; Jno. Frizzle, G. R.; A. J. Wheeler, D. G. R.; Jno. McClenan, G. T.; F. J. Snow, Pr. G. Jr. W.

The following Grand Commanderies followed:

Grand Commandery of Wisconsin: Carlos P. Whilford, G. C.; Jno. M. Woodhull, D. G. C.; W. T. Galloway, G. G.; E. P. Mathers, G. C. G.

Grand Commandery of New Jersey: David S. Batley, G. C.; James H. Hough, Pr. D. G. C.; Geo. Scott, Pr. G. G.; Wm. W. Goodwin, P. G. C.; Chas. Bechtel, P. G. C.; John Woolverton, Pr. G. G. C.

Grand Commandery of Missouri: T. M. Wannell, P. G. C.; G. N. Belt, P. G. C.; Geo. F. Gouley, P. G. C.; Frank M. Tuffs, P. G. C.; Walter S. Payne, P. C.; John Ure, P. G. C.

Kosch's splendid St. Louis band led the St. Louis Commanderies. St. Louis No. 1 numbered fully 100 men, marching six abreast. All the men of the Commandery were tall and splendidly developed, and as they marched by with a firm and steady march, they were everywhere greeted with applause, shouts and waving of handkerchiefs.

St. Aldemar No. 18 was another splendid Commandery almost perfect in the drill, and were contending for the prize. They turned out about sixty men.

Last of Missouri Commanderies came Ascalon No. 16, about sixty strong. James F. Aglar, E. C.; D. J. Goodwin, Gen.; Geo. W. West, C. G.; R. A. Holland, G. P.; S. E. Lowe, Warden.

FIFTH DIVISION.

The Fifth Division was commanded by Sir Geo. J. Pinckard, Grand Warden, and was decidedly the smallest of all.

The following Grand Commanderies were there represented, escorted by Sir Knights from their respective States; Grand Commandery of Georgia, Grand Commandery of Alabama. W. S. Bragg, G. C.; J. G. Smith, D. G. C.; J.

M. Ware, Pr. G. G.; S. H. Beasley, G. C. G.; John G. Winter, G. R.; H. F. Nullen, G. S. W.; Bernard Jacob, G. St. B.

With these were Sir Knights from Mobile No. 2 and Eufaula No. 5.

Grand Commandery of Iowa: E. A. Guilbert, G. C.; Z. C. Luce, D. G. C.; Fred. Getchel, Gen.; G. W. Linenger, G.; C. B. Dean, Pr. G. Sw. B.; J. W. Taylor, Pr. G. St. B.

Grand Commandery of Minnesota: Benton H. Langley, G. C.; R. J. Mason, D. G. C.; C. H. Kellogg, G. G.; F. E. Brackett, G. C. G.

The Commanderies of the District of Columbia then followed, all fine organizations.

First of these was Washington No. 1, about forty strong; then Columbia No. 2, about fifty members, and last De Molay No. 4, which was reserved for the especial honor of conducting and escorting the Grand Encampment.

De Molay No. 4 was the only mounted Commandery. Almost all the horses of the Commandery were black, and these, with the drill and cavalry manoeuvres, made the commandery a popular favorite.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Last of all, in their carriages, came the old and new Grand Encampments of the United States, all the members with symbols, medals, etc., with all manner of mysterious devices upon them.

Present Grand Encampment.—Jas. H. Hopkins, G. M.; Vincent L. Hurlburt, D. G. M.; Walter H. Bragg, G. G.; Edward F. Schultz, G. C. G.; Benton H. Langley, G. S. W.; Charles R. Woodruff, G. T.; John W. Lions, G. R.; John H. Brown, G. S. B.; J. W. Fellows, G. W.

Past Grand Encampment.—J. Q. A. Fellows, G. M.; John A. Caldwell, P. G. R.; Wm. Wallace, G. S. B.; Irving Smith, G. S. B.; James Sorby, G. G. C.; Vincent L. Hurlburt, G. G.

THE REVIEW.

After viewing the procession, the drilling and marching of the various Commanderies from the Exposition Hall and the residence of J. P. Hornor, G. C. G. of Louisiana, the committee to whom was given the decision, consisting of Gens. Beauregard, Hood, Emory, Gibson and Col. Floyd-Jones, adjourned to Clay Statue.

Here the committee and the Grand Encampment halted, forming a long line of carriages down the street. De Molay, No. 4, of Washington, took up its position opposite. Then the Commanderies marched by, each shifting and changing its form as it came in sight of the judges' stand.

The chief Commanderies that participated in this review were Grice No. 4, of Norfolk; Reed, of Dayton, Ohio; the Ohio delegation; Louisville No. 1, of Kentucky; the Pennsylvania Grand Commandery, and Terre Haute No. 16, of Indiana.

It is almost impossible to describe the various movements made; the sudden changes from hollow squares to crosses, the wheeling in and out from files of six to three. After some discussion over the relative merits of St. Louis No. 1, "The Old Guard," and Louisville No. 1, the judges finally gave their decision in favor of the Missouri Commandery, and awarded them the prize offered by the Louisiana Jockey Club.

THE PRIZE.

At about 4 o'clock the members of the St. Louis Commandery No. 1, with their band, friends, etc., marched around to Grunewald Hall.

Mr. G. A. Breaux, a President of the Louisiana Jockey Club, then tendered them the handsome silver set which they had contended for, and which they had so admirably won by their strategic and military movements and tactics.

Sir John C. Bloomfield, Eminent Commander of St. Louis No. 1, then designated Sir Knight Cox to reply; which he did in most appropriate language, pledging that his Commandery would ever strive to be as forward in all other matters.

After other interchanges of compliments, the meeting broke up.

The set won by the St. Louis Commandery is a silver waiting complete—pitchers, goblets, etc., and is both beautiful and costly.

FLAG PRESENTATION.

A number of Sir Knights were assembled at the St. Charles yesterday, to witness the presentation of a battleflag to Ascalon Commandery of St. Louis, by E. B. Myers, Eminent Commander of Apollo Commandery of Chicago.

Gen. Sir E. B. Myers made an eloquent address on presenting the flag, and was suitably responded to by F. Aglar, E. C., of Ascalon Commandery.

THANKS.

The subscribers, a committee appointed by a number of visiting Knights Templar connected with railroads, return their humble thanks to Joseph H. Smith, Esq., General Agent of Louisville and Great Southern Railroad, for the many kindnesses, unsolicited, tendered them while en route to this city, and also for the pleasant and agreeable quarters secured and arranged for them while in this city, hoping that they may, some time in the future, have an opportunity to reciprocate these attentions extended them by Mr. Smith.

S. E. KILE,
E. M. JOHNSON,
Committee.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

THEIR NEW GRAND MASTER.

The gentleman elected in the Encampment of the Knights Templar to the high position of Grand Master, is worthy of this distinction. We refer to his reputation as a citizen, a gentleman and a statesman. James Herron Hopkins is one of the most prominent of the rising men in Pennsylvania.

The recent election to Congress from the Alleghany District against the Radical and Administration candidate was the most brilliant of the many triumphs won by the Conservatives in the last political campaign. We refer to this victory as illustrative of the high personal qualities of the new Grand Master. His political merits, were not of course, taken into consideration in the election by the Knights Templar, but his intellectual and moral virtues, which alone have secured him the distinction of Grand Master of so powerful a body as the Templars, no doubt contributed largely to his choice as national representative of a district which was regarded as the stronghold of the political party to which Mr. Hopkins was opposed. The neat and elegant address, published in yesterday's edition of the *Picayune*, made by Mr. Hopkins at the grand reception at the headquarters of the Masons, is illustrative of the high tone, the broad, catholic sentiments, and graceful eloquence of this gentleman.

In every respect the mighty host which yesterday swept through our streets, representing an order embracing so powerful an array of the highest virtues of our race, our civilization and era, could be marshaled under no more gallant and worthy a Commander and Grand Master than Jas. Herron Hopkins.

WELCOME VISITORS.

We were favored yesterday with calls from Sir Knight Chas. McCauley, of Constans Commandery No. 33, of Bellefonte, Pa., and Sir J. A. G. White, of Mountain Commandery No. 10, of Altoona, Pa., both representatives of their great State to the Grand Encampment, just concluded. We trust the gentlemen have enjoyed themselves during their stay, and will take back pleasant and kindly recollections of our city.

We were visited, late last evening, by the Commandery of Jacques De Molay, of Washington City, No. 4, with whom we were much gratified to exchange courtesies.

We had last evening the pleasure of a call from Judge John J. Good, of Dallas, Texas, Past Eminent Commander of Dallas Commandery No. 6. The Judge is in excellent health, and enjoying his visit to the Crescent City.

CLOSING SCENES OF THE VISIT.

Decorations and Illuminations—The Final Festivities.

The visit of the Knights Templar will form an enjoyable topic of conversation with our people for many a day to come. Nothing could show the sympathy of our citizens more fully than the

DECORATIONS.

We do not remember of an occasion when the decorations were more general or more appropriate than those which greeted the Sir Knights yesterday, on their march. Masonic emblems and flags of all kinds, with other appropriate tokens of welcome, were displayed throughout the entire distance made by the procession. Canal street, from Magazine to Rampart, was one mass of flags, mottoes and decorations, nearly every building on this magnificent thoroughfare being fitted up.

Among these we may notice Mr. J. M. Norrich, Levois & Jamison, James Syme, Wm. E. Cooper, H. B. Stevens & Co., B. Piffet, B. & W. Croner, S. G. Kreeger, E. A. Tyler, B. T. Walshe and Frederickson & Harte.

The City Hotel displayed a large sized Texas standard flag, which attracted much attention, and many were the conjectures as to what country it represented. It is of one white and red stripe, of equal length, with a blue field of the entire width, in the centre of which is a lone star, emblematic of our sister State.

At the residence of Mr. J. Curtis Waldo, 130 Calliope street, the headquarters of Mr. J. C. Waldo, of New London, Ct., Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of the United States, an elegant flag, white ground with red passion cross, was displayed.

The St. Charles Hotel was elegantly decorated, reflecting the greatest credit upon the good taste of our friend, Sir Robert Rivers. The several theatres were beautifully decorated. Messrs. Cassidy & Miller, sailmakers, ran a line of signal and standard flags across Camp street from their store, making a splendid show. In the neighborhood of the Magazine Market we noticed that the stores of Messrs. Braselman & Adams, Max Braun, Levy Bros., P. & E. Michel and Mme Croziad, were elegantly decorated.

These are only a few of the many who manifested their pleasure at the visit of the gallant Sir Knights, who have favored our city with their presence during the last week.

ILLUMINATIONS.

At the head of the list, and with the highest meed of praise, we mention the Pickwick Club, whose building was splendidly and tastefully illuminated. The St. Charles Hotel was also very handsomely illuminated, the whole front of the building being a blaze of light.

Messrs. Pierson & Hews, 13 and 15 Camp street, were handsomely illuminated, as were also Mr. D. Webster, 15 Camp street, up-stairs; Rice Brothers & Co., the City Hall, B. T. Walshe, S. N. Moody, M. Castillo, Heath & Lara, Boston Club, M. L. Navra, and Gregg's sewing machine depot.

The Masonic Hall was magnificently illuminated, displaying the motto, "In hoc signo vinces," in a triangle, with the motto below, "Omne meum est tuum." We understand that the credit of this handsome display is due to our old time friend John G. Fleming.

The Picayune office presented a flood of variegated lights, with appropriate mottoes, as a greeting to our guests, the Knights Templar.

The rooms of the Orleans Dramatic Association were brilliantly illuminated and decorated. This is the headquarters of the gentlemen of Kentucky, and when we called yesterday evening a large number of friends were being entertained in handsome style. Speeches were made by Sir C. F. Billingsley, Messrs. T. H. Sherley, J. H. Hisgen, C. F. Buck and others.

The residence of Grand Commander, Hon. Joseph P. Hornor, on Magazine street, was decorated with flags and other appropriate emblems.

These are only a few of the illuminations last night, the number and extent of which precludes the possibility of our naming all.

COURTESIES.

The Picayune acknowledges the compliment of a call from the Pennsylvania delegation, under command of Col. W. H. Eagle, who were accompanied by the Charlotte Silver Helicon Band, of Charlotte, North Carolina. The serenade was very enjoyable.

We were also favored with calls yesterday from Mr. Edward Crane, a distinguished lawyer of Chicago, and Mr. George S. Seymour, of Laporte, Indiana. These gentlemen, we are pleased to know, are enjoying their visit to our city very much.

RECEPTIONS.

The closing receptions of our local Commanderies Knights Templar, were as brilliant as the occasion they honored was auspicious and enjoyable. Each vied with the other in their efforts to make the event a memorable one in the history of our city and State, and to throw around their guests such evidences of friendship and welcome as should make them bear to their homes pleasant memories of our people. That they have been successful we cannot doubt, and we have every confidence that the beneficial results of this grand meeting of the best men and fairest ladies from all sections of our country within the crescent of the Queen City of the South, will be felt through long years yet to come.

AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL

the brave Knights of Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, were ready to greet their friends: Ere the visitors had entered the edifice, strains of enlivening, harmonious music, fell pleasantly on the ear, and, like the sweet prelude to a sweeter strain, gave promise of coming enjoyment. The portals once passed, the senses were held in thrall by the gay scene

Women are irresistible always, and in all climes and in all nations, even under circumstances adverse to the display of their beauty, men acknowledge their magnetism and pay loyal homage to their attractions. How great then, their power, when all the embellishments of faultless, rich costumes, and gratifying surroundings add grace and consciousness of their charms,

Giving deeper tint to the cheek's rich hue.
A lustrous light to the eye of blue,
To midnight orbs a more powerful ray;
Brightens hazel eye, and the eye of gray

Snowy arms leaned on broad shoulders, and dainty fingers rested in confidence in the powerful hand of many a happy fellow, while he turned with his fair partner in the giddy mazes of the fascinating waltz, or treaded the more enchanting measure of lancers, or *le varietes*, while silks shimmered, jewels flashed, gauze-like dresses floated like summer clouds, fans fluttered, laughter from pretty lips rang out in silvery tones to meet hearty responses from sturdy Knights. Merry flirtations were carried on in propitious places, and the courteous bearing of the Knights in attendance, who seemed to be ever and everywhere present, and untiring in the administration of their duties as hosts, gave additional charm to the whole pageant.

Those who visited

GRUNEWALD HALL

and placed themselves under the gallant men of Jacques De Molay No. 2, enjoyed unbounded hospitality. Here, again, passing in, after exchanging friendly greetings with the courteous members of the Reception Committee, another bewildering and tantalizing view met the eye, and here, as elsewhere, the Sir Knights excelled all their other efforts in the role of hosts.

As we entered, the band was furnishing music for "the Lancers," and at least a hundred couples were responding with a will that must have been gratifying to their entertainers.

Beautiful toilets were the order of the night, and the ladies present at this place displayed them in abundance. Velvets, silks, laces, diamonds and other precious things, were displayed in a profusion that would have been a temptation and a source of envy to the Queen of Sheba, while the softer, more yielding materials and delicate tints of the costumes of some of the belles, would have added beauty to Venice herself, even if worn with a tithe of the grace and easy self possession, which seemed to be a leading trait with all the ladies last night. But then you know that,

"New Orleans, down in the South,
Is famed for wealth and beauty,"

and its daughters only asserted their rights and sustained the ancient reputation of the Crescent City, while their fair sisters from other sections joined them in the effort with telling effect, forming constellations of beauty,

Such as we see when sun's departing ray,
Calls forth the many glories of the night,
Some grand and dazzling, some of lesser power,
All beautifiers of the quiet night—
And each all perfect, brilliant or subdued
These Heaven-set gems, so varied, many hued.

Following the merry crowds on the streets we next visited

EXPOSITION HALL,

where the Red Cross of Orleans Commandery No. 3, invited all pleasure seekers to enter.

This hall, since its opening, has been a favorite retreat of the devotees of Terpsichore, they are many in our city, and was of course filled. It was an enchanting scene for many hours, where beauty, wealth, fashion, refinement and unbounded hospitality reigned harmoniously and supreme. Knights in their gorgeous costumes danced with stately dames, whose loveliness had not departed with the days of their girlhood, or "chased the fleeting hours with flying feet" with belles in the first blush of the power of youth and beauty; beaux in uniform, and beaux in more modest suits, promenaded, and whispered sweet nothings in the ears of seemingly willing listeners; rippling laughter sounded on all sides, and gentle voices responded to compliments, or answered some witticism with gay *repartee*. Now one was delighted with the graceful movements of some fair pedestrian, now enchanted with the glimpses

of a rosy rogueish face seen peeping over the broad shoulder of some cavalier, and again, with the firm tread and military style of a Sir Knight, as he escorted some favorite to a spot, conducive to the art of conversation, or the still more entrancing one of love-making. Ah! it is a pity that we ever grow old, or lose our right, "by reason of many years," to make the eyelid droop, the hand tremble in companionship to the voice, or the rose and the lilly play hide and seek over some downy cheek so sweetly near our own; but a far greater pity it is to see those who once called forth, and hearts that have experienced these holy emotions, forget to sympathize when younger hands take up these sweet toned strings of life—

And frown love down, forgetting the day
When they would have wept at a maiden's "nay."
And sternly forbid other hearts to sing
Love songs to their mates in life's early spring.

L'ENVOI.

It is a divine decree that day succeeds night, and though mortals may sometimes, as last night, depreciate the coming of the morning, the hours will pass, and lovely Aurora, impatient of restraint, assert herself a queen of power and beauty. So, although Cupid shot arrows in such showers across the pathway of the night, that its passage was impeded by many a glittering banner, it gained the ascendancy, measured out its hours, and gave place to the rose-tinted morning, which forced the pleasure seekers, and in these cases, finders, homeward; to dream of the bright scenes enjoyed when "the Templars visited New Orleans," and to wish that they would repeat their visit at no very distant day—a wish most heartily joined in by all, for

Though the hour has come when we
Must bid our guests adieu,
And send them on their homeward way
With fond regrets and true,
They leave us not while memory's power,
Retains its pleasant sway,
But present in our minds will be
Through many a coming day,
And when stern time has lengthened out
By years our life's swift stream,
The gentle dames who now depart
Will be a pleasant theme,
To which the mind will turn when eve
Awakens pleasant thought,
And now we thank them for their smiles
And pleasure which they brought,
While to the brave Sir Knights we say,
May fellowship expand
Till hand clasps hand with magic touch
Throughout our cherished land.

LOUISIANA AND VISITING SIR KNIGHTS.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF LOUISIANA.

OFFICERS AND PAST OFFICERS.

Sir Joseph Potts Hornor, R. E. Grand Commander; Sir John Alexander Peel, V. E. Dep. Grand Commander; Sir Rufus Lewis Bruce, E. Grand Generalissimo; Sir William Lewis Stanford; E. Grand Captain General; Sir Michel Eloi Girard, E. Grand Senior Warden; Sir Zebulon Montgomery Pike, E. Grand Junior Warden; Sir Samuel Manning Todd, E. Grand Treasurer; Sir Gustavus Sontag, E. Grand Recorder; Sir De Witt Clinton Peck, E. Grand Standard Bearer; Sir Andrew Hero, Jr., E. Grand Sword Bearer; Sir George Josiah Pinecard, E. Grand Warder; Sir Raymond Stephen Burke, E. Grand Captain of the Guards; Sir J Q A Fellows; Sir Samuel Manning Todd, Past Grand Commander; Sir John Alexander Stevenson, Past Grand Commander; Sir Richard Lambert, Past Grand Commander; Sir Joseph Henry DeGrange, Past Grand Commander.

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ADDENDUM.

Confident that a few sketches of some of the moving spirits to whose energy, skill and indomitable perseverance much of the eclat of the late Grand Encampment was due, will be interesting to our readers, we here present them.

We would state that their brevity is due to the reluctance of the gentlemen themselves to furnish the material, all of them modestly disclaiming any particular merit for their share in the great work, and expressing a dislike to being brought prominently forward.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS FELLOWS.

This distinguished Knight Templar was born in Topsham, Orange County, Vermont, on the 3d of May, 1825. He graduated at the University of Vermont in 1849, and came to New Orleans in 1850. Before coming to this city he read Common Law for two years, and here he pursued his professional studies in the office of Judge Whitaker, and graduated in 1852, in the Law School of Louisiana. While a student from 1840 to 1852, Mr. Fellows taught school more or less each year.

In 1857 Mr. Fellows became a partner in the law firm of Whitaker & Fellows, one of the most successful of our city, and ever since has practiced in our Courts, his firms having been Whitaker & Fellows, Whitaker, Fellows & Mills, and Fellows & Mills; the latter copartnership, which was formed in 1864, still exists.

In 1858 Mr. Fellows was married to Miss Elizabeth Mills.

Mr. Fellows was initiated in Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, Ryalton, Vermont, November 28th, 1849.

Passed, December 27th ; raised, January 25th, 1850

Affiliated with Marion Lodge, No. 68, New Orleans, in May 1851.

Made a Royal Arch Mason in 1852, in Orleans Chapter No. 1.

Made a Royal and Select Master in 1854, in Louisiana Council, No. 2.

Made a Knight Templar in 1856, in Indivisible Friends Commandery, No. 1.

Organized Orleans Commandery, No. 3, in 1860, and was its first Eminent Commander, which office he held until 1865.

Elected Grand Commander of Louisiana in 1865.

Was Grand Master, Grand Encampment of the United States, from 1871 to 1874.

Held Office in Grand Encampment from 1862 to 1874 continuously.

Was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana from 1860 to 1866 inclusive.

Was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1859.

Was Most Puissant of the Grand Council in 1867.

Grand Commander, Grand Consistory of Louisiana, 1866.

General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter, U. S. from 1865 to 1868.

Was W. M. of Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, for 1855, 1856 and 1857.

Mr. Fellows was created a Knight of the Grand Order of the Grand Cross of the Temple, in May, 1873, by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of England, Wales, Scotland, etc.

Mr. Fellows has presided over every Masonic body, grand or subordinate, in all degrees and rights, of which he is a member, with the exception of the Supreme Council, 33° Southern Jurisdiction.

Mr. Fellows is regarded as one of the ablest lawyers of our State, and is closely devoted to his profession, never meddling with politics or any outside business. In social circles none are more highly respected and esteemed than Mr. Fellows and his accomplished wife, and their constant endeavors to please our visitors, added largely to the success of Templar Week.

JOSEPH POTTS HORNOR.

The exertions of the Grand Commander of Louisiana to provide comfortable quarters for all visitors, and make their stay with us a pleasant one, will be widely remembered.

He was born in New York on the 18th of March 1837, while the family, who resided in Louisiana, were on a visit to that city. He was educated in the Central High School, Philadelphia, and returning to this city was apprenticed in 1852 to Sir Isaac T. Hinton, one of the oldest printers in Louisiana. He served an apprenticeship of four years, and worked as a journeyman printer for two years more.

Mr. Hornor commenced reading law in 1857, and was admitted to the bar 1858, and in the same year was married to Miss Harriet A. McNally. When the war came on he joined Fenner's Battery, one of the most efficient commands in the Southern Army. After serving as a private for two years, he was retired on account of ill health.

Mr. Hornor was made a Mason in Marion Lodge, No 68, June 1st, 1860; Royal Arch, in Orleans Chapter, No. 1, November 26th 1860; Royal and Select Master, in Orleans Council, No. 4, January 28th, 1862; A Knight Templar, in Orleans Commandery, No. 3, in 1863; Pelican Chapter. Rose Croix 11°-18°, April 3d 1864; Eagle Council, K. H., No. 6, 30°, May 22d, 1864, and Grand Consistory of Louisiana, 32°, August 1864. He has held innumerable positions in these bodies, and has always been known as one of the most zealous and competent of officers.

As a lawyer, Mr. Hornor has gained an enviable reputation, and his firm, Hornor & Benedict, enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He has never held civil office, preferring to devote his time and talents to his profession, in which patience, unremitting toil, and high mental qualities are required of those who attain eminence and success.

He is connected with many social associations, and is always ready to contribute his time, talents and means to any enterprise which may increase the importance and add to the prosperity of our city and State. He was a representative to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, at Baltimore, in 1871, and to his influence may be attributed the success of the vote to hold the Grand Conclave of 1874 in New Orleans. He labored diligently to make that meeting the most harmonious to the order, and brilliant and enjoyable to visitors, which had ever taken place, with what unbounded success our readers already know.

BERRY RUSSELL.

Was born in Portland, Maine, on the 23d of May, 1838, and came to New Orleans, April 17th, 1863. He has been actively engaged in business ever since as a member of the well known house of Russell and Hall.

He received the degrees in Orient Lodge, of this city, Joseph P. Hornor, W. M., in the year 1867; Chapter degrees, in Polar Star R. A., Chapter No. 21, E. J. Noyes, M. E. H. Priest, in 1868; and took orders in Indivisible Friends Commandery, No. 1, in the Spring of 1870.

Sir Knight Russell has filled the several positions of Warden, Junior Warden, Generalissimo, and at the recent elections was elected Eminent Commander of Indivisible Friends Commandery and Grand Generalissimo in the Grand Commandery.

It will be remembered that during the late Grand Encampment, Indivisible Friends was stationed at Odd Fellows' Hall, and was under command of Sir Knight Russell, as Acting Eminent Commander. During Templar Week this Commandery, which gained so much popularity among our visitors, was in charge of acting officers only.

Sir Knight Russell is one of the most zealous members of the Order, devoting much time to its interests, and being always ready to lend his talents and energy to any movement looking to its advancement. As a merchant Mr. Russell has always enjoyed the confidence and respect of our commercial circles, while in social walks he is esteemed as one of the most accomplished and agreeable gentlemen.

HARVEY CREE.

The subject of this sketch, though a native of Virginia, passed from his early childhood to manhood in Covington, Kentucky, and claims as being entirely from that State. He was made a Master Mason, in Golden Rule Lodge, No. 345, of Covington, Kentucky; received his Royal Arch Degree, in Delta No. 15; is a member of Louisiana Council, No. 1, and was created and dubbed a Knight Templar in Jacques de Molay Commandery, No. 2, of which he is at present Eminent Commander; and was during the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment lately holden in this city. He has recently been elected Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of the State.

Although comparatively young in his Masonic career, he has won the esteem of his brethren and achieved rank in the Order. His zeal for the Institution and his warm-heartedness, has no doubt aided materially into this advancement.

During the last session of the Grand Encampment, by close attention to his duty, whether on escort or at the head quarters of his Commandery, at Grunewald Hall, he won the applause of all with whom he came in contact.

A generous friend and conscientious citizen, one may safely predict for Mr. Cree a bright future, both as a Knight Templar and citizen of Louisiana.

JOHN WILLIAM MADDEN.

Sir Knight Madden was born in Ireland in 1842, and came to New Orleans when only six years old, and has resided here ever since. He was educated in the public schools of this city, having been a pupil in the Fisk School when Mr. Alfred Shaw was principal. He remained in the High School a year, when he met with a severe accident while at play, breaking his arm, which laid him up for a long time. On recovering from his mishap, Mr. Madden commenced his active business career in the counting room of the "True Delta" newspaper, where he remained for two years. After the capture of the city by the Federal forces, being out of employment, Mr. Shaw, who was then Recorder of Mortgages, appointed him as his clerk, and afterwards made him Deputy. Upon the retirement of Mr. Shaw, although Mr. Madden was

then only twenty-one years of age, he had displayed such ability, promptness and courtesy in the discharge of his duties, that Governor Hall, without any reference to political opinions, but upon the urgent recommendation of lawyers, notaries and others having business with that office, appointed him to the highly responsible position of Recorder of Mortgages for the Parish of Orleans, which office he held until May, 1865. Mr. Madden married Miss Julia Many, of this city, in 1865. In August of the same year, Mr. Madden formed a copartnership with our well known fellow citizen, Sir P. J. Christian, and commenced the stationery and printing business at No. 73 Camp Street, and in 1867 purchased the interest of Mr. Christian, and continued the business, and is at the old stand.

He was made a Master Mason in 1865, in Linwood Lodge, 167, of which he is now Junior Warden; a Royal Arch Mason in 1870, in Concord Chapter, No 1; and was created a Knight Templar in 1871, in Orleans Commandery, No. 3.

Sir Madden has taken great interest in Templar Masonry, and has been one of the most industrious and hard working members of the Order, in which, in 1871, he was Sword Bearer; in 1872 Senior Warden; 1873, Captain General; 1874, Generalissimo, and at present Eminent Commander of Orleans Commandery, No. 3, having been elected to that office early in 1875. He was elected, February 12th, of the same year, G. S. W. of the Grand Commandery of Louisiana.

In his business Mr. Madden has met with marked success, and enjoys the reputation of getting up as elegant cards and invitations for social occasions as any printer in the Union. The splendid badges, reception cards and other work executed by him for Templar Week, will be remembered by many of our visitors. Cordial and free in his manner, liberal and generous with all he meets, Mr. Madden is deservedly one of the most popular merchants of our city.

ALBERT BALDWIN.

Mr. Baldwin, who ranks among the most successful and estimable merchants of our city, was born in Watertown, Mass, in 1834, and at the age of ten years commenced his business education in a counting room, and paid for his own tuition at school until he reached the age of fifteen, when he was apprenticed to the large importing house of Beebe & Co., in Boston. Here he remained for many years, winning the approbation and confidence of his employers by his assiduous care and marked abilities in the discharge of the duties which devolved upon him.

In 1858 Mr. Baldwin came to New Orleans, and for several years filled a position in the counting room of the extensive dry goods house of Burnside & Co.

In 1862 Mr. Baldwin married Miss Bouligny, a member of one of Louisiana's oldest and most respectable families.

Soon after the war Mr. Baldwin became associated as a partner with the late Cuthbert H. Slocomb, where his rare managerial skill had full scope of action, and contributed largely to the extended reputation and influence of the firm of Slocomb, Baldwin & Co., importers and jobbers of hardware, cutlery and agricultural implements. Upon the death of Mr. Slocomb, the present firm of A. Baldwin & Co. was formed, composed of Mr. Baldwin, Mr. C. Eustis, who has grown up in the house, and Mrs. C. A. Slocomb, the mother, and Mrs. A. D. Slocomb, the widow of the late partner. These ladies are well known and esteemed, not only for their high social position, but for their open-handed charity and benevolence, displayed at all times, when applied to by deserving objects.

In May, 1866, Mr. Baldwin was created a Knight Templar, in Orleans Commandery, No. 3, of which he is Past Captain General. During the late Grand Encampment, Mr. Baldwin rendered valuable services on the staff of Grand Commander. In whatever enterprise he takes a part, Mr. Baldwin always discharges his duties with a faithful energy and well directed skill, which give to him a leading position.

He is President of the New Orleans National Bank, one of our strongest moneyed institutions ; a director and member of other influential organizations.

In social, as well as commercial circles, Mr. Baldwin is an acknowledged leader, and is universally esteemed, a fact which is due more to his courteous and genial manners than to his reputed wealth.

ALFRED HENRY ISAACSON.

This gentleman, who always takes an active part in any enterprise looking to the benefit of our city, was born in Philadelphia, on the 5th of March, 1833, the family, who resided in Louisiana, being then on a visit to that city. He spent a short time at school in Covington, La., and also at Anderson's Collegiate Institute, at New Albany, Indiana. At the early age of thirteen years, Mr. Isaacson was left in this city to take care of himself, while the balance of the family were sent North.

His first business experience, in 1846, was in the old house of Chittenden & Dameron. After this he filled positions in Jackson and Brandon, Miss., and Monroe and Trenton, La., and returning to New Orleans, was employed by the extensive grocery firm of Speake & McCreary. Coming in contact with the most prominent business men of the day, his young and vigorous mind imbibed and retained the most valuable lessons of life, and by care and attention he laid the foundation for a career which has since placed him among the most prominent and successful of our merchants.

When the war broke out, Mr. Isaacson entered the Southern army as a lieutenant in the Henry Clay Guards, under Captain A. B. Seger. He was imprisoned by General Butler, but afterwards permitted to go into the Confederate lines, where he was elected Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of Louisiana, during the administrations of Governor Moore and Governor Allen.

Mr. Isaacson was made a Mason in 1856, and is a life member of Quitman Lodge, Orleans Chapter, and Indivisible Friends Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar. He served on the staff of the Grand Commander during the assembly of the Grand Encampment. Although one of the most earnest members of the order, and frequently solicited to do so, Mr. Isaacson never has been persuaded to hold any office in any Masonic body, but has always been among the first and most liberal when they required means or advice.

In 1855 Mr. Isaacson was married, in the Parish of St. Landry, to a daughter of Judge John L. Daniel. Judge Daniel and Mr. Isaacson are the only two Americans who have married in those old creole families Bossier, Dupre and Mouton. Mr. Isaacson has never had any children, but has raised and educated several orphans. He has always been a liberal subscriber to charitable institutions, particularly those established for the benefit of orphans and old people. These acts of charity are performed without show or parade, and are known by few beyond the immediate circle of his own family. In these good works he is always ably assisted by his wife, one of the most religious and charitable ladies of our city, whose sympathies are deeply engaged in every project for the amelioration of the condition of the unfortunate. Mr. Isaacson, although one of the most social and genial gentlemen we have ever met, never drinks ; he is fleshy, weighs 200 lbs., but is very active, mentally and physically. He never has anything to do with politics, but is down on fraud and corruption, no matter where practiced.

The firm of Isaacson, Seixas & Co., of which he is the senior, is one of the largest wholesale grocery houses in our city. It was founded just at the close of the war, and does a large business with Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, and employs some fifteen clerks.

In commercial circles Mr. Isaacson has always commanded the confidence and esteem of our entire community. He was one of the original directors of the Factors' and Traders' Insurance Company; was a director in the Hibernia Insurance Company, and the Bank of Lafayette; is a member of the Merchants' Exchange, and Chamber of Commerce, and in the latter is on the Arbitration Committee; is also a director in the Mutual Aid and Benevolent Life Insurance Company.

GEORGE HORACE BRAUGHN.

Among the self-made men of our city, none have commanded the respect and esteem of their fellow-citizens to a higher degree than the subject of this sketch.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1837, as soon as he was old enough, he attended St. Joseph's College, until 1849, when he came to this city. Here he went to work, attending school at night. He was first a junior clerk in the cotton and tobacco house of MacGregor, Alloway & Co., and afterwards managing clerk with H. W. Reynolds & Co., trunk manufacturers, No. 3 Magazine street. While with this firm, from 1858 to 1861, he read law under Judge Mortimer M. Reynolds.

The "late unpleasantness" coming on, young Braughn, fired with military ardor, joined the "Crescent" Regiment, as first lieutenant of Company G, and four weeks after was made captain of the company, in which capacity he served with patience, skill and bravery, to the close of the war, contributing his full share to the glory gained by the "Crescent," one of the best regiments of the Southern Army. Returning to New Orleans, Mr. Braughn married a daughter of Judge Edward Simon, formerly on the Supreme Bench with Judges Martin, Carlton, Rost, Eustis and others.

In 1865, Mr. Braughn was admitted to the bar of Louisiana, and in 1866 was elected Judge of the Second Justice's Court, and in 1868 to the State Senate, his term expiring in 1870. Since that date Judge Braughn has devoted himself to the practice of law, gaining an enviable reputation as an eloquent and fluent speaker, and an attorney of scholarly attainments, and close devotion to the interests of his clients.

Judge Braughn at one time held the position of Assistant Attorney General of Louisiana, and during the eighteen months of his service in that office, procured more convictions in capital cases, than any Attorney General the State ever had before.

Judge Braughn was President of the Metropolitan Bank, and made it a flattering success; was for seven years Vice President of the Firemen's Charitable Association, and was for seven years President of the Shakespeare Club. He has for years been President of the Young Men's Benevolent Association, one of our most successful and useful charitable organizations. He is a director in the Metropolitan Bank and Germania Insurance Company, and attorney for the People's Bank, People's Insurance Company, Metropolitan Bank, Germania Insurance Company, and other corporations.

Judge Braughn received his Masonic degrees in Dudley Lodge, No. 66, in 1866; was Worshipful Master in 1873 and 1874; took Chapter degrees in Concord Chapter, and is a member of that crack Commandery, Jacques de Molay No. 2, of which he is Junior Warden, and by his eloquent services during Templar Week, has earned the title of the "talking member."

Judge Braughn is the senior of the law firm of Braughn, Buck & Dinkelspiel, and his partners are also distinguished socially and professionally, Mr.

Buck being until lately President of the Orleans Dramatic Association, and Mr. Dinkelspiel, Grand President of District No. 7 of the influential Jewish Order of B'nai B'rith.

For many years Judge Braughn has been a leading member of our amateur dramatic organizations, whose performances during the summer months are looked forward to with eager anticipations of pleasure by thousands of our "can't-get-aways."

Possessing a clear, well-trained voice, an eloquent reader, graceful and correct in jesture and action, he has attained a reputation of which many of the "Stars" of the present stage time, might justly be proud.

MILTON ANTHONY PECK.

This gentleman, who is known as one of the most energetic workers in the Order, was born in Augusta, Ga., in 1839.

His father, the late Samuel H. Peck, the pioneer of the sewing machine business in Louisiana, having established himself in New Orleans, as the agent that world-wide popular machine, the Wheeler & Wilson, Milton came to this city in 1855, and entered his father's store. Here he remained until the commencement of the late war, when he joined the company of his brother, Capt. Orson F. Peck, one of the bravest and most popular officers of the Southern army, who commanded the Orleans Southern, Co. F, in the Fifth Louisiana Regiment, attached to the celebrated Harry Hays' Brigade. In the army Milton was a general favorite with his comrades, and was chosen Commissary of his Company, a position which was made difficult by the often straitened circumstances of the Southern army. These trials, however, only served to more firmly cement the friendships existing between the brave men who bore them, and many a laugh is now indulged in over the short rations of those stirring times.

Returning home at the close of the war, Mr. Peck became associated with his brother DeWitt, under the firm of Peck Brothers, and together they continued the business established years before by their father, and are now located at 149 Canal street. They have ever since been agents for the Wheeler & Wilson machines, and we may safely say that much of its popularity in this section of the country is due to the untiring energy and perseverance of these gentlemen.

Mr. Peck entered the Masonic Order in 1866, and is a member of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59; he entered Concord Chapter in 1874, and soon after Jacques DeMolay Commandery, Knights Templar.

In 1856 Mr. Peck was married to Miss Ellen S. Collins, youngest daughter of the late John K. Collins, for many years one of the most successful builders in this section, a man universally esteemed for his sterling qualities of head and heart.

In decorating Grunewald Hall and receiving the guests of the Commandery, and in preparing for them, Mr. Peck was one of the most energetic, for, although he never has aspired to office, when work is to be done or money is wanted, no man is more ready than Sir Milton Anthony Peck. Social and generous, Mr. Peck is a general favorite with all who know him, and their "name is legion."

JOHN ALEXANDER PEEL.

This gentleman, who was Eminent Commander of Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, and D. G. C. of the State, during the recent visit of the Knights Templar to New Orleans, was born near the city of Armagh, Ireland, on the 8th of February, 1831, and when a boy emigrated to the United States and afterwards to Upper Canada, where he lived several years.

He came to New Orleans in 1849, where he has ever since resided. For many years previous to the war, he was with the old house of Frost & Co.,

dealers in boots and shoes, and upon the dissolution of that firm, he became a partner in that of Page, Peel & Moran, which house he left to form the present co-partnership of Peel & Reid, wholesale grocers and importers, and one of the most influential houses in that line of business. He was made a Master Mason in 1866, the degree having been conferred by Joseph P. Horner, in Orient Lodge; received the Royal Arch degree in Concord Chapter, and became a Knight Templar in 1868, entering Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1. He is a member of that Commandery, Quitman Lodge, Concord, R. A. Chapter and Holland Council.

Sir Knight Peel took a prominent part in the preparations for the entertainment of our guests, and during the grand meeting as D. G. C., of the State, contributed much to the pleasure of the occasion. Mr. Peel is one of our most successful merchants, his business career having been marked by skill, energy, and the highest integrity.

A gentleman of genial and kindly manners, he is always a welcome guest in social circles, and the suspicion amounts to almost a certainty, that among the counsellors of his Majesty, the King of the Carnival, and in other similar organizations, Mr. Peel holds a high and influential position.

JOSEPH HENRY DEGRANGE.

Mr. DeGrange is a native of New Orleans, and has for years occupied a prominent and honorable position in social organizations in which his excellent judgment, refined taste, and critical discrimination, are always acknowledged.

By close attention and devotion to the Order of Masonry he has become quite noted within and without its fold, having held at different periods the following high offices: W. Master of Dudley Lodge No. 66, High Priest of Orleans Chapter No. 1; E. C. of Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 2; Grand Commander of the State of Louisiana; and now holds the following distinguished positions: Grand Marshall of the Grand Lodge of the State; Grand King of the Grand Chapter, and also Chairman of one of the most important committees of the Grand Lodge, that of Appeals and Grievances, and is Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of Jacques DeMolay Commandery. At the election on the 12th of February, 1875, he was again, chosen Grand Commander of Louisiana.

Mr. DeGrange has occupied many positions of trust and honor in business, in all of which he has always discharged his duties creditably to himself and with satisfaction to those with whom he has been connected. He is at present Secretary of the Canal and Claiborne Street Railroad Company.

WILLIAM LEWIS STANFORD.

This active member of the Order, was born in New York, July 2d, 1836, and came to New Orleans in 1862. For some years he was successfully engaged in sugar planting below the city, and has lately been engaged in the fire insurance business.

He was made a Master Mason in February, 1867; Royal Arch, July, 1867; Knight Templar, April, 1868; Sub. P. P. of the R. S. 32d ° A. A. and S. R. in the same year. He has filled the several offices in lodge and Commandery to W. M. and E. C. inclusive. Was Grand Warden in 1869 and 1870; Grand Junior Warden 1871 and 1872; Grand Senior Warden 1873; Grand Captain General 1874; and is an officer in Pelican Chapter Rose Croix, 18 ° and in Grand Consistory 32 °.

He is one of the most efficient officers of the order, and as Grand Captain General rendered most valuable services during Templar Week.

DAVE C. JOHNSTON.

Sir Knight Johnston was born in Albany, New York, October 5th, 1835, and came to New Orleans in 1846. He was sent to St. Joseph's College, at Bardstown, Ky., but having an exalted idea of commercial life, he left school contrary to the wishes of his father, and went to work, in 1849, with the then prominent house of Alfred Morrow & Co., clothiers. After several engagements he drifted into the telegraph business, and became an accomplished operator. In 1853 he was sent to Texas to assist in building the Texas and Red River Telegraph Line, where he rendered valuable services to the Company. He was placed in charge of the repeating office at Palestine, and was the first person who ever sent the electric fluid through the great State of Texas. Returning to New Orleans in 1855, he went into the hat business, occupying one of the stores under the St. Charles Hotel. Here his sociable disposition and frank, straightforward manners made him a general favorite, and his trade became one of the most prosperous in the city.

When the war came on he espoused the Southern side, and, in consequence, his store was seized, and the goods and fixtures confiscated and sold.

Mr. Johnston was married on the 23d May, 1859, to Miss Isadora Long, daughter of the late Mr. William Long, who for years conducted one of the most successful foundries in the South.

He was made a Mason in 1857, and is a life member of Dudley Lodge, No. 66, and belongs to Polar Star Chapter. Mr. Johnston is a member of Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, in which he has been J. W., and is now Generalissimo. He is one of the most active men of the Order, and in the positions he has filled, requiring the utmost care and attention, he has acquitted himself in the most worthy manner. During Templar Week he had charge of Grunewald Hall much of the time, and gave his undivided attention to the reception and suitable entertainment of the guests of the Commandery.

Since the war Mr. Johnston has been very successful in business, and is a member of several of our most prominent social organizations. For many years he has been Treasurer of the Shakspeare Club, a society which stands high with all classes of our citizens. He is a prominent amateur actor, having filled with much credit many leading casts in the plays presented by our amateurs during the summer months, entertainments which do much to relieve the monotony of our long dull season.

ANDREW HERO, JR.

One of the most industrious workers in the Order, Sir Knight Hero, contributed largely to the success of the entertainments given to our guests during the late Grand Encampment. He is a native of our city, having been born in 1839. In 1856 he commenced business as a notary clerk, and has been in the notarial business ever since, with the exception of the four years of civil war, which made a gap in the commercial life of so many of our leading business men.

Mr. Hero went out as sergeant in the third company of that illustrious battalion, the Washington Artillery. During the war he rose to the position of captain, and was universally esteemed as one of the most efficient, skillful and trustworthy officers of the celebrated corps, in which he served until the final surrender at Appomatox. Returning home, Mr. Hero was appointed a Notary Public in 1865, a position he has filled ever since, securing a large and lucrative business by close attention to the duties of his office.

He took his Masonic degrees in Orient Lodge, No. 173, in 1868, and has been successively Junior and Senior Warden. He is a Past High Priest of his Chapter, in which he is now Treasurer; in the Council he is T. I. M.

Sir Knight Hero is a member of Orleans Commandery No. 3, and has held the offices of Treasurer and C. G., and is now Generalissimo and Grand Sword Bearer of the State.

He is connected with numerous social organizations, in all of which his services, freely and heartily given, make him a most valuable and influential member.

No name will be remembered with more pleasure by those who visited our city during Templar week than that of

ROBERT ELDRIDGE RIVERS,

the enterprising and ever attentive proprietor of the St. Charles and St. James Hotels, whose abilities as a host, were remarkably displayed during the great meeting. No higher compliment could be paid to his skill than is recorded in the fact, that although both of these popular houses were crowded, everything went on like clock-work, everybody received proper attention, and not one complaint was made during the whole time.

Mr. Rivers is a native Louisianian, having been born in New Orleans in 1833. His father at the time was one of the largest sugar planters in our State.

Mr. Rivers has always been identified with Louisiana, and is to-day, proprietor of two of the finest hotels in the South.

Quick to perceive a want, firm in administration, cordial and polite, he has won back for the St. Charles Hotel, the proud reputation of ante-bellum days, and will, beyond doubt, place the St. James, in which the present is his first season, high in rank among the first hotels of the Continent.

Sir Rivers was attached to the staff of Grand Commander Hornor, and during Templar Week placed both of his houses entirely at the command of the Sir Knights who were here, and by his constant watchfulness over the comfort of visitors, assisted in making the time a social reunion long to be remembered.

On Friday he was severely wounded by a fall from his horse, when preparing to join in the grand parade, but is now rapidly regaining his usual health and activity, although he was laid up for many weeks.

ALVA MORRIS HOLBROOK.

The subject of this sketch, known throughout the Union as one of the oldest journalists and most skillful newspaper managers, was born in Townsend, Windham County, Vermont, in 1808. He commenced his business career at the age of fifteen, and for the first fifteen or sixteen years was in a variety of callings, principally however, in the dry goods trade.

Mr. Holbrook came to New Orleans in 1835, and in 1839 became a partner in the firm of Lumsden, Kendall & Co., publishers and proprietors of the New Orleans Daily and Weekly Picayune. At that time the paper was only two years old, having been established on the 25th January, 1837.

The writer of this article has often heard related by old citizens the humble manner in which this journal was started, and that it should have surmounted all difficulties, lived through monetary crises, war, inundations and troubles of all kinds, seeing rivals spring up by the way side, flourish their brief while, and sink out of sight, while it gathered strength with the passing years, becoming one of the widest known, most frequently quoted and most respected journals of the country, reflects the highest credit upon the energy, perseverance and well directed talents of its managers.

Mr. Holbrook entered the firm as business manager, and has ever since, with the exceptions of about two years, been connected with the paper, and has always been the sole director of its business and supervisor of its columns.

In 1872, Mr. Holbrook was married to Miss Eliza Jane Pointevent, of Pearlinton, Mississippi, the gifted Southern songstress, who for years was the Poet Laureate of Mississippi, and has become a favorite far and wide, under the name de plume of Pearl Rivers.

Although Mr. Holbrook is not a Knight Templar, the valuable assistance he rendered to the cause by freely giving the use of his columns, entitles him to a prominent place among those who aided in making Templar Week a bright and pleasant epoch in the history of our City and State.

Those who know him, however, will not wonder at this, for, during his long administration of its affairs the columns of the Picayune have always been open, without money and without price, to any and all articles favoring the development and progress of our City and State, and in aid of every religious, charitable and benevolent cause brought to the notice of himself or his writers.

NELSON ALEXANDER WILCOX.

This gentleman, who is always ready to lend a helping hand in any movement which may reflect credit on our city, was born in Orange County, New York, in 1842. When he was nine years of age the family removed to New York City, where his father, the late J. D. Wilcox, well known to our citizens, had been doing business for years. He commenced his business career in his father's store, in 1855, afterwards served three years in a broker's office, and in 1861 he went into the Irving Bank. Here, for close attention to his duties, in which he displayed rare ability, energy and perseverance, he was promoted step by step, from a subordinate position to that of Paying Teller. After serving the bank for eight years, during which time he enjoyed the unlimited confidence and esteem of its officers and directors, he resigned his position and came to New Orleans in 1869, where he became a partner in the firm of Hoyt & Wilcox, composed of Mr. S. W. Hoyt, of the extensive house of S. W. & J. I. Hoyt, New York; and J. D. and N. A. Wilcox, and after the death of his father in December, 1872, the co-partnership, was continued under the same name and as it now exists, by Messrs. S. W. Hoyt and N. A. Wilcox.

Under Mr. Wilcox's management as resident partner, the firm has taken a leading position as receivers and shippers of butter, cheese, Northern and Western produce, and in commercial circles stands A 1.

In January 1871, Mr. Wilcox was married to Miss Kate R. Gleason, of this city.

Mr. Wilcox was made a Mason in 1865, in Varrick Lodge, Jersey City, went into Enterprise Chapter soon after, and was created a Knight in Manhattan Commandery, New York City, in 1869. He has affiliated here with Excelsior Lodge, Concord Chapter and Orleans Commandery. He has persistently refused office, but is always active in promoting the interests of the Order. In preparing for our guests and in entertaining them while here, he was one of our most liberal merchants. He is a prominent fireman, and belongs to numerous social organizations, in all of which he takes an active interest.

Mr. Wilcox is full of life and activity, when he espouses a cause it is with his whole heart and energies. Frank, generous and cordial in disposition, he is universally popular.

RUFUS SPAULDING RICKEY.

Sir Knight Rickey was born in Liberty, Trumble County, Ohio, and while very young removed with his parents to Sharon, Pa.

In 1844, Mr. Rickey went to the far West, and was one of the early pioneers in the now great and flourishing State of Iowa. He began his commercial life at the age of fifteen years, and at nineteen was doing a large business for his

own account, by his correctness and activity commanding the trade of a large section of the then new country. He was married in Missouri in 1860, and came South in 1863, settling in Natchez, Miss., where he established himself and conducted one of the largest business houses ever carried on in that city.

In March, 1867, Mr. Rickey came to New Orleans and was connected with the house of Bulger & Co., where he was very successful. In February, 1868, he withdrew from Messrs. Bulger & Co.'s and engaged with Messrs. J. M. Lewis & Co. Here, by close application to business, and that untiring energy which has marked his whole commercial career, he built up a very large business. In 1872 the firm was changed to Flash, Lewis & Co., the present style of the house, which is known throughout the Southwest, West and Northwest, as one of the most extensive and influential wholesale grocery houses in the country. Their transactions cover millions annually, and is so well managed that every department is marked with the exactness of perfect machinery.

Mr. Rickey was made a Master Mason in December, 1869, in Quitman Lodge No. 72, a Royal Arch Mason in Polar Star Chapter No. 21, in 1872, in which he is now C. H. He was created a Knight Templar in Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1, in 1874. He worked with indefatigable energy both for the Grand Commandery and Indivisible Friends in preparing for Templar Week, and during the stay of our guests gave his time and services to aid in making their visit pleasant. Mr. Rickey is thoroughly identified with all of the best interests of New Orleans, is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchant's Exchange, and many of our charitable institutions. He has traveled a great deal in the interests of the house he is connected with, establishing a wide circle of acquaintances, and by prompt and honorable dealings securing a commercial influence with them equaled by few men in our section.

Notwithstanding his energy and devotion to business, Mr. Rickey has always found time to join in works of benevolence brought to his attention, and he is one of those men who never ask the religious creed or nationality of charitable objects appealing to him. In the work of providing for the sufferers by epidemics, overflows and other calamities, Mr. Rickey has always been one of the most active workers.

DE WITT CLINTON PECK.

One of the most agreeable and popular of our Knights. Mr. Peck was born in Augusta, Ga., in 1840. When he first came to New Orleans, Mr. Peck remained but a short time, and then went to school in Augusta, Maine. He commenced his business life in 1854, in the sewing machine factory of Wheeler & Wilson, where he remained long enough to get a thorough knowledge of the mechanism of this great boon to the human family. Returning to New Orleans, he entered the establishment of his father, the late Samuel H. Peck, then agent for the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Company, as cashier. The business thus established has ever since been continued by Messrs. Peck Brothers, now located at No. 149 Canal Street. The firm, which was formed at the close of the war, is composed of the brothers Milton and De Witt Clinton Peck.

They are the oldest firm in the business, and are known throughout the South as industrious, energetic, honorable merchants, who command the confidence and esteem of our entire community.

Mr. Peck was made a Mason about the year 1866, in George Washington Lodge, No. 65, of which he has been S. W. and W. M. A short time since he was presented, by the brothers of his Lodge, with an elegant Past Master's jewel, as a token of their appreciation of his services. He is a member of Orleans Chapter, in which he has been R. A. C., and is now Scribe; is a member of Louisiana Council, and also of Jacques de Molay Commandery, No 2, K. T., in which he has been Standard Bearer, and he is Grand Standard Bearer in the Grand Commandery of the State.

Sir D. W. C. Peck is the Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, one of the oldest Grand Lodges on the continent, at Grand East of Louisiana.

In 1859 Mr. Peck was married to Miss Elizabeth Norton. Gay and lively of disposition, earnest and cordial in manners, Mr. Peck is splendid company, and the party which includes his presence is sure to be a pleasant one. Entering with zeal and energy into Templar Masonry, he has gained a prominent position and is regarded as one of the most reliable and useful members of the Order.

ZEBULON MONTGOMERY PIKE.

The subject of this sketch was born in New Orleans on the 24th October, 1842, and was educated in our public schools.

At the age of sixteen he commenced business with his father, the late John R. Pike, who conducted an extensive lumber business for many years, which, at his death, was continued by his son.

In 1866 Mr. Pike was married to Miss Francis H. Burbank, a daughter of the late James Burbank, a prominent clothing merchant of Boston.

Mr. Pike was made a Mason in 1864, in George Washington Lodge No. 65, in which he has filled all the offices, including three terms, 1869, 1870 and 1871, as W. M.

He took his Royal Arch degrees in Orleans Chapter in 1864, and has filled there all the offices up to King, which position he now holds.

He is a member of Louisiana Council in which he has held many positions.

He was made a Knight Templar in 1865 in Jacques de Molay Commandery No. 2, and has held the different offices up to Generalissimo. He is E. Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery, and is Chairman of the Committee on Auditing Accounts of the Grand Lodge, State of Louisiana.

In Scotch Rite bodies Mr. Pike has held innumerable positions, M. W. of Pelican R. C. Chapter, and at present is Grand Chancellor of the Grand Consistory 32°, and is Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

During Knight Templar Week, Sir Knight Pike had charge of the invitations for Jacques de Molay Commandery as a member of the Committee of Arrangements, and worked with unremitting zeal to make their entertainments successful. He was frequently at Headquarters, and by his uniform courtesy made a host of friends.

Mr. Pike is at present Chief of the Department of Lumber for the City, and is one of our most efficient municipal officers.

Mr. Pike is a general favorite with all who know him. Social in temperament, ever ready to oblige those around him, generous and kind-hearted he is sure of popularity, with all whom he meets. Taking a deep interest in Templar Masonry, Sir Knight Pike is one of the most industrious and valuable members of the Order.

FRANK H. WILSON.

One of the most zealous workers in the Order, Mr. Wilson did much to make the late meeting a grand social success.

He was born in New Orleans on the 22d February, 1844, and educated in the Fisk and Marshall Schools under J. B. Carter and W. R. Fish. He began his commercial life with J. W. Allen, D. D. S., in 1856, and served afterwards with W. H. Hanney & Co., Alfred B. Adams, W. J. Taylor, and John R. Elliot.

In 1862 Mr. Wilson went into the Southern army as a private in Capt. Geo. Soule's Company A, Crescent Regiment, and after the battle of Shiloh, served on detailed duty in the Adjutant General's Department, under Generals L. M. Walker, Alfred Moulton and C. J. Polignac. In the Kentucky campaign, at

the age of eighteen years, Mr. Wilson served as Brevet Major and A. Q. M., and afterwards was Brigade Ordinance Officer on the staff of Gen. L. M. Walker, with the rank of First Lieutenant of Artillery.

Since the war Mr. Wilson has been with the popular house of Sir John W. Madden, No. 73 Camp street. He is Secretary of the Shakspeare Club, and prominent in other social organizations, where his refined taste and excellent judgment make him a valuable member. Cordial, frank, open hearted and gay, he is always a welcome companion and esteemed friend. An accomplished accountant, and possessing business qualifications of a high order, he enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him.

JOSEPH ALPHONSE WALKER.

This gentleman, who on all occasions has shown his devotion to the interests of Templar Masonry, was born in Montreal, on the 17th December, 1842. In 1846 the family removed to New York, where at the age of twelve years, Mr. Walker began his battle with the world, as an employee in the St. Lawrence Hotel, corner of 8th and Broadway. In 1860 Mr. Walker came to New Orleans, and for many years was engaged in the St. Charles Hotel, and afterwards with the late Col. Walter Merriam. Always attentive to business, polite and suave in his manners, he made a host of friends, and when in 1869 he opened the famous Bank, No. 6 Royal and 113 Canal Streets, the enterprise proved a decided success from the beginning.

In March, 1869, just after the long to be remembered Black Friday, which so convulsed Wall Street, and sent a responsive thrill through the country, Mr. Walker inaugurated the plan of giving specie in change, a step which was imitated by many leading merchants in other branches of trade. This movement brought him great popularity, and some idea of the immense business he does may be formed from the fact that he has frequently in one day paid out over six hundred dollars in specie, as change to his customers.

Mr. Walker was married, in 1868, in Brooklyn, N. Y., to Miss Maggie Quinn.

He was made a Mason in Fortitude Lodge, No. 19, in Brooklyn, in 1864, and affiliated here with Quitman Lodge No. 76, in 1867. He is a member of Delta R. A. Chapter No. 15, and of Orleans Commandery, No. 3, K. T.

For many weeks before the opening of the Grand Encampment Mr. Walker gave his time and energies to aid in preparing for the event. He was one of the most industrious members of the Committee of Arrangements of his Commandery, and was particularly active in arranging and decorating the Exposition Building, where Orleans Commandery had their headquarters.

A gentleman of refinement and taste, generous and cordial, he is widely known, and both in business and private life is highly respected and esteemed. Taking an active part in the great social festivals which have given New Orleans a national reputation, he has made the "Bank" a popular resort for the leading merchants and citizens of the Southern Metropolis.

DAVID PARMLY PERRY.

Was born in Perry, Lake County, Ohio, on the 5th of September, 1845, and received his education at the Kingsville Academy and the Western Reserve College, at Hiram, Portage County, Ohio.

On the 23d April, 1863, he entered into the drug and grocery business with his cousin, D. C. Parmly, at Painesville, and some time after, together with another cousin, L. L. Parmly, he purchased the interest of Mr. D. C. Parmly, and formed the firm of L. L. Parmly & Co. For several years they carried on one of the largest establishments in that portion of the State, but the confinement and constant care attendant upon this

business did not agree with Mr. Perry, and consequently he left the store and went to England for the Howe Sewing Machine Company. For a time he was manager of the Liverpool office, and during a part of his residence in England he was stationed at London in full charge of the entire European business of this popular company. He left London for New Orleans direct, arriving here on the 6th February, 1871. Here he became General Southern Agent for the Howe Sewing Machine Company, a corporation which was at that time almost unknown in this section. His energy, courtesy and close attention to the business, have introduced the machines of this make into thousands of homes, and made for Mr. Perry an enviable reputation among the commercial men of our city. During his long connection with this wealthy company he has enjoyed the unlimited confidence and esteem of its officers, and is very justly regarded as one of their most enterprising and valuable agents.

Mr. Perry is a member of George Washington Lodge No. 65, Orleans Chapter, and Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 2. He has taken a deep interest in Templar Masonry, giving it much of his time and personal attention, and during Templar week was particularly active in making the occasion a social success.

Possessing rare business qualifications, a hard worker and most excellent manager, his future in commercial affairs is full of bright promise, while his many attractive social qualities, make him popular with all who know him.

WILLIAM STEPHEN PIKE.

From the Picayune of Sunday, January 10th.

The cypress-garlanded South lost, as we stated Thursday, a noble son. Wm. S. Pike, one of the most influential gentlemen in New Orleans, has suddenly "wrapped the drapery of his couch around him, and laid down to his eternal slumbers."

The deceased was born in Lexington, Kentucky, and came to this city whilst he was a lad. He was born on the 5th of January, 1822. He was a clerk in the store of John Watt & Co., when he had scarcely attained the age of 12 years. Afterwards he became clerk on the steamboat Daniel Webster, and in the course of time, although he had never before navigated by the compass, was a pilot on the Father of Waters—our majestic Mississippi. In the course of time, having shown that he was educated for a commercial career, and having been engaged in business in this city to the satisfaction of all who knew him, he became one of our most prominent merchants. In fact he was always closely identified with our city. By his energy, enterprise and attention to business, as well as by his sound judgment, but above all, by his sterling integrity and the purity of his life, he proved to be one of the most successful merchants in Louisiana. Before and after the late war, this good gentleman conducted himself in such a manner as to be of great benefit to the State. All those who knew him, will bear witness that he constantly applied himself with unremitting diligence to the management of his affairs, which were so varied, complex and extensive. Mr. Pike often burdened himself with the care of orphans, who were friendless, gratuitously, assuming responsibilities he was too benevolent to refuse, and too conscientious to neglect.

None who knew him will be sparing in their tributes of regard to him, as a man, a patriot, a merchant, a friend and a companion. His social nature was eminently conservative. There was not an aggressive feature in it. Although a staunch friend and advocate of his native South, he sought no controversies and cultivated no dislikes. He had no harsh words for anybody, and his kindly nature always mastered him.

Mr. Pike was head of the well-known banking house, Pike, Brother & Co., in this city, having before been at the head of a similar establishment in Baton Rouge.

He was a prominent Mason and Knight Templar, and his death will be received with feelings of very deep sorrow by his numerous friends at home and abroad.

As an enterprising, liberal citizen, Mr. Pike had no superior. We can say, without fear of contradiction, that he was always ready to give time and money to whatever tended to beautify our city, or improve the condition of the unfortunate people of Louisiana. His funeral will take place on this (Sunday) morning, at 10 o'clock.

Whilst our profoundest sympathies go out to the family of our late friend in their affliction, and we tender to them our sincere condolence, let all his friends accompany him to his bed of clay, that they may testify their appreciation of his noble character and the services he has rendered to a true and brave people like ours.

A TEMPLAR'S OPINION OF THE "BANDITTI."

A VOICE FROM KANSAS.

[From the Picayune, Jan. 8th, 1875.]

We have been permitted to make the following extracts from a private letter received by our esteemed fellow citizen, Alfred H. Isaacson, Esq., of the influential firm of Isaacson, Seixas & Co., dated 21st ult., from Mr. John M. Price, a leading lawyer of the city of Atchison, Kansas, and M. E. Grand High Priest, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar in Kansas:

" * * * * * We left your beautiful and pleasant city Monday evening, two weeks ago to-day, with many regrets that we could not stay longer, and especially, that we did not have an opportunity of again seeing you before leaving. My wife and daughter have completely fallen in love with New Orleans, its climate, and its many attractions, and I must also confess to a little weakness in that direction myself. * * * Many of our friends have called to see us and learn all about our trip South, etc. We never fail to speak of the pleasant time we had on the Sunday before leaving under your escort, and Mrs. Price grows enthusiastic when telling our many friends of your many acts of disinterested and genuine kindness and generosity towards us, and which, she says, only a true Southern gentleman knows how to perform. We again beg to assure you that our hearts are full of gratitude for the interest you manifested in our behalf, and we shall always crave an opportunity to testify to our appreciation by some reciprocal act on our part."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Mississippi Commanderies, to whom our home Templars are indebted for very generous and efficient services in assisting as hosts and entertainers, were fully represented in the Grand Encampment. Beside the Grand Commandery of the State, represented by a delegation of thirty-three high officials, there were delegates from the subsidiary Commanderies, thirteen in all. These were consolidated into two bodies under the banners, respectively, of Mississippi No. 1 and Magnolia No. 2. The entire number present from Mississippi was eighty-five, under Sir Knight P. M. Savery, Grand Commander of the State.

From the Picayune of December 29.

DEATH OF E. SIR LOUIS HENRY JORGENSEN.

We regret to learn, through a letter from P. W. Barclay, Esq., of Barclay Brothers, Cairo, Illinois, of the death, in that city, on the 21st instant, of E. Sir Louis Henry Jorgensen, a member of the Cairo Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar, and Grand Generalissimo of Illinois.

Mr. Jorgensen was in our city during the first days of this month as a member of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and by his affable and courteous bearing made many warm friends here. The funeral services were conducted by Rector Gilbut, at the Church of the Redeemer, and the burial services by the Blue Lodge, the Cairo Commandery acting as an escort. The ceremonies were very solemn and impressive, and the procession and entombment very imposing.

He was a prominent Mason and Knight, whose demise will be greatly regretted by a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

From the Picayune, December 27th.

Rev. Josiah Crosby Waldo, Past Grand Prelate, Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States, left our city last evening via the Mobile route, for his home in New London, Ct., bearing with him the best wishes of the many friends he has met during his stay with us. Mr. Waldo was delighted with New Orleans, warm in his praises of our people, and confident of a bright future for the Crescent City. Like all of our late visitors, Mr. Waldo expressed deep sympathy with us in our political difficulties, and a sincere hope that a solution of all our troubles may soon be reached.

ELECTIONS.

From the Picayune.

At the annual convocation of the R. E. Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Louisiana, held at their Asylum, on Friday, February 12, 1875, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year :

Sir Joseph H. DeGrange, Jacques de Molay No. 2, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir Michel E. Girard, Girard No. 4, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir Berry Russell, Indivisible Friends No. 1, E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir Harvey Cree, Jacques de Molay No. 2, E. Grand Captain General.

Sir John W. Madden, Orleans No. 3, E. Grand Senior Warden.

Sir Samuel Alston, Indivisible Friends No. 1, E. Grand Junior Warden.

Sir Samuel Manning Todd, Jacques de Molay No. 2, E. Grand Treasurer.

Sir Gustavus Sontag, Jacques de Molay No. 3, E. Grand Recorder.

Rev. J. C. Carpenter, Indivisible Friends No. 1, E. Grand Chaplain.

Sir George Soule, Indivisible Friends No. 1, E. Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir Ed. Baker, Orleans No. 3, E. Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir Robert Strong, Jacques de Molay No. 2, E. Grand Warder.

Sir R. S. Burk, Orleans No. 3, E. Grand Captain of the Guards.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana held its election for officers February 9th, with the following result :

Samuel J. Powell, Bayou Sara, Grand High Priest.

Joseph H. DeGrange, New Orleans, Deputy Grand High Priest.

J. E. Trimble, Farmersville, Grand King.

E. H. Fay, Clinton, Grand Scribe.

Samuel M. Todd, New Orleans, Grand Treasurer.

James C. Batchelor, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Rev. J. C. Carpenter, New Orleans, Grand Chaplain.

Julius Lisso, Coushatta, Grand Captain of the Host.

A. Hero, Jr., New Orleans, Grand Principal Sojourner.

W. H. Goodale, Baton Rouge, Grand R. A. Captain.

B. W. Sewell, Jackson, Grand M. Third V.

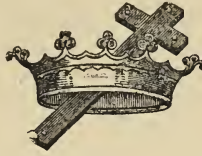
T. F. Hedges, New Orleans, Grand M. Second V.

Joseph F. McGuire, Monroe, Grand M. First V.

R. Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Guard.

The following is the result of the annual election of the Grand Lodge, held February 11, at Masonic Hall :

Grand Master, John G. Fleming, Quitman No. 76; Deputy Grand Master, Wm. Robson, Shreveport; Senior Warden, W. R. Whitaker, Corinthian; Junior Warden, Jules Lisso, Coushatta; Grand Treasurer, A. W. Hyatt, Mount Moriah No. 59; Grand Secretary, James C. Batchelor, Alpha Home.



KNIGHT TEMPLARS' SONG.

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO THE ORDER

By Tim Linkinwater.

All hail the pledge our Order knew
When first God gave it birth!
And formed it with a Master hand,
To spread o'er all the Earth
Great peace and harmony, goodwill,
A brotherhood divine;
An oak in strength, around whose trunk
Strong vines of virtue twine.

A fruitful hill our Order stands,
Upon the summit raised,
A temple 's built, whose arch and dome
Will through all time be praised;
Yet none but those who worthy are
To worship at the shrine,
May ever enter 'neath the arch,
Or learn the mystic sign.

Shoulder to shoulder, as of yore
Through fiery siege and field,
We move, our actions and intent
Emblazoned on our shield.
Lift high the Cross! before its sway,
Disunion fades like snow
Untimely shed by straying cloud
Upon the Summer's glow.

Our bright regalia, Christian knights,
Our badges, few yet rare,
Symbolic are of higher gifts,
Which Templars ought to wear.
Our swords we draw, like Peter's blade,
For innocence and right,
And what the hilt has sealed as true,
The point will keep by might.

NEW ORLEANS, February 18th, 1875.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, }
IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, }
New Orleans, 14th December, 1874. }

J. CURTIS WALDO, Esq.,

DEAR SIR :

Your proposition to publish a Social Record of the late assembly of the Knights Templar, to be called "*A Souvenir of the Nineteenth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America*," meets with my hearty approval.

I think the price you name, FIFTY CENTS PER COPY, quite low, and trust that the work will meet a large circulation.

In this connection, let me add, that you deserve the thanks of our resident Sir Knights for the admirable manner in which you reported the social part of the late Grand Encampment, and personally to acknowledge the valuable services of your ready pen, in placing these matters attractively before our people and our guests.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH P. HORNOR,
GRAND COMMANDER.



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